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BILL CHIBA

## Bill Chiba Loses Battle

The staff of *The Advertiser News* was greatly saddened at presstime to learn of the death of longtime outdoor writer Bill Chiba to a long illness on Tuesday.

Bill submitted his column faithfully each week during his illness, including this past Monday morning.

We will be publishing a memorial tribute to Bill Chiba next week.

Anyone wishing to contribute a story about Bill, please do so in letter-to-the-editor form by Monday.

Bill Chiba's last column can be found in this week's Sports Pages.

## School Board Says No Councilor On Search Committee

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Town councilors will have the same opportunity as other town residents to get involved in the search for a new superintendent of schools.

On Tuesday, March 12th, the School Committee voted 5-2 in favor of appointing two parents or town residents to the application screening committee rather than setting aside a slot on the committee for a town councilor.

In favor were School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson and members Louis Massoia, Roberta Doering, Teresa Kozloski, and Linda Galarneau. Against were members Rosemary Sandlin and Susan Pettazzoni.

Johnson said he favored Mrs. Kozloski's amendment to his original proposal not from an exclusionary standpoint, but because the town councilors are all residents and could apply for one of those two slots.

After attending a joint School Committee/Town Council meeting held on Monday night, Mrs. Kozloski said, "I can see that if we have a councilor on the (screening) committee, it does become a political issue and I don't want that kind of thing. The emphasis should be on the parents and residents, but not on a political group other than the School Committee."

Arguing against giving Town Council a role in the selection process, Mrs. Kozloski said she agreed with remarks made by member Linda Galarneau at the Monday night meeting.

At the joint meeting, Mrs. Galarneau said Town Council is not involved in selecting the police or fire chief or any other town administrator, and should have no role in selecting the next superintendent.

Mrs. Pettazzoni disagreed. "We are an inclusionary society. Everybody should be working together to make a better community."

The application screening committee will be made up of two School Committee members designated by Johnson; one representative of the teachers' union designated by the union president; one school administrator designated by the superintendent; two parents/residents designated by Johnson (as School Committee Chairman); and one representative from the business community chosen by the Chamber of Commerce.

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## Residents & Parents Sought To Serve On Application Committee

The Agawam School Committee is seeking residents and parents to volunteer to serve on the application subcommittee for the new superintendent of schools.

Please send your letter of intent to the Mayor's Office, 36 Main Street, Agawam 01001 by March 22nd.

## Radical Restructuring Of School Day At AHS Now Being Considered

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

By September 1997, all secondary schools in the state will be required to provide 990 hours of structured learning time for their students.

Traditional non-directed study periods will cease to exist and time spent at lunch, passing between classes, and in homeroom will not count toward meeting the minimum requirements.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder said he is considering restructuring the school day at AHS under a system called block scheduling. He says this will save time during the school day and improve the delivery of instruction to the students.

Under block scheduling, the traditional seven period day for AHS students is replaced with four longer blocks of instructional time.

Ryder said there are many benefits of longer blocks of learning time, including more time for group learning activities and project learning (than in the traditional 45-minute class period).

At a meeting of Agawam's Time and Learning Committee, two school administrators from West Springfield explained the benefits and drawbacks of block scheduling and the reasons why they were recommending a change to block schedul-

ing for West Springfield High School.

As members of West Side's Total Quality Education scheduling team, Director of Occupational Education and Technical Services, Dr. James A. Mundy, as well as Vice Principal David Douglas, have been researching block scheduling for the past two years and will recommend the implementation of the new system to their school committee.

Mundy said, "We came to the conclusion that the seven period day is not the best way to deliver instruction to kids and it's not the best work day for students or teachers."

Mundy said the seven period schedule gives students a work schedule unlike any before or after high school (or in the workplace).

### A Place To Prepare For A Career

Mundy said school should be viewed as a place to prepare students for a career. Yet, nowhere else in higher education or in the workplace does a bell signal a change in what a person is doing every 42 minutes.

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## Riverside Park's "Friends In Harmony" Presenting "Dedications" At Bay Path

On March 15th and 16th, Riverside Park's "Friends in Harmony," a community chorus presents "Dedications," a musical comedy about a phone-in radio show, at Bay Path College in Longmeadow, at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets, call 786-9300, ext. 3400 or 3014, or 1-800-370-7488. Tickets will not be available at the door.



**RESTRUCTURING - from Page 1...**

The seven period day results in a hectic, impersonal, inefficient environment with students reporting to seven or eight different bosses, all with different expectations, every day, Mundy said.

Under the 4 x 4 semester block scheduling plan, students enroll in four courses for each of the two semesters of the school year.

In addition to increasing the time teachers and students spend exploring topics on a daily basis, proponents say block scheduling:

- allows for a wider variety of assessment tools to evaluate student progress;
- requires less time for mid-term and final exams;
- allows teachers and students more conference time to discuss assignments;
- provides greater opportunities for the use of technology in classroom lessons;
- fosters a less hurried atmosphere, more con-

ductive to the learning process;

- provides students and teachers with a fresh start at the beginning of each semester;
- provides opportunities for developing more interdisciplinary teaching strategies.

Among the concerns raised over the change to a long block schedule are increased preparation time for teachers; loss of retention of information for students taking sequential courses if a semester separates their course work; the effect on performing groups and the effect on Advanced Placement courses.

Acting Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo said students taking an AP course in the fall could have a problem with retention when the test is given in May. Also, Cavallo said block scheduling could mean offering fewer specialized courses and electives.

There is little difference in the retention rate for students with a semester between sequential courses (because the modified instructional strategies used in block scheduling tend to improve retention), Douglas said.

"The one factor that will make or break block scheduling, the teacher's willingness to change their instructional strategies, is directly tied to the school system's commitment to professional development," Douglas said.

AHS Dean of Students Bernadette Conte agreed. "We have to have some money funneled in for professional development."

**Teachers Need To Be Educated To Benefits**

According to Mundy, who has been researching block scheduling since the early 1970's, teachers have to be educated to the benefits of the system.

"This is a major change in the way of doing business and there is a fear of the unknown," Mundy said. "Teachers who employ a variety of instructional methods are going to be more successful than teachers who use only one or two strategies."

Mundy said people should be allowed to take a risk and be encouraged to take a risk in reaching beyond where they are now and what they know now.

**NO COUNCILORS - from Page 1...**

The seven-member screening committee will be charged with the preliminary screening of applicants in accordance with the priority ratings criteria and superintendent applicant profile.

**Meetings To Be Posted According To Law...**

The screening committee will post their meetings in compliance with the Open Meeting Law, but will meet in executive session to preserve the privacy of the applicants. The screening committee will have 10 days from the April 12th deadline to present the School Committee with a list of eight to 10 semi-final candidates on April 22nd.

The School Committee was unanimous in approving the priority ratings criteria and superintendent applicant profile (as compiled after an analysis of the priority ratings questionnaires completed by School Committee members, teachers, administrators, and parents).

Johnson said the priority ratings were developed by using a weighted average of the results of the questionnaires (with the School Committee receiving a weighting factor of 50 percent, teachers/administrators 30 percent, and parents/residents 20 percent).

The ratings criteria will form the basic blueprint for the application screening committee to follow in evaluating candidates.

The superintendent candidate profile calls for a master's degree in education or a related field, with preference given for credits earned beyond a master's and a doctorate; experience as a secondary school principal, superintendent, associate superintendent, and as a teacher, as well as demonstrated knowledge and skills running the gamut from curriculum development to effective written communication skills.

Also, applicants should be able to demonstrate a proven commitment to their own professional development.

**Tax Changes For 1995**

Each year, there are usually a few changes to the tax law that people need to know to file correct returns. Some could make a difference on whether a person gets a refund or owes more taxes.

Starting in 1995, the Internal Revenue Service requires a Social Security number (SSN) for each dependent, except for a child born in the last two months of 1995. No SSN — or an incorrect SSN — will delay any refund a person has coming. To get an SSN, call the local Social Security Administration office and ask for Form SS-5, "Application for a Social Security Number Card."

For more information on tax changes, call 1-800-829-3676 and get free Publication 553, *Highlights of 1995 Tax Changes*.

The IRS has tax forms, publications, and other information available on-line. To access the Internal Revenue Information Services (IRIS) on Fed-World by modem, dial 703-321-8020. Or log on through the Internet via Telnet ([fedworld.gov](http://fedworld.gov)); file transfer protocol ([ftp.fedworld.gov](http://ftp.fedworld.gov)); or World Wide Web (<http://www.ustreas.gov>). Technical assistance is available at 703-487-4608.

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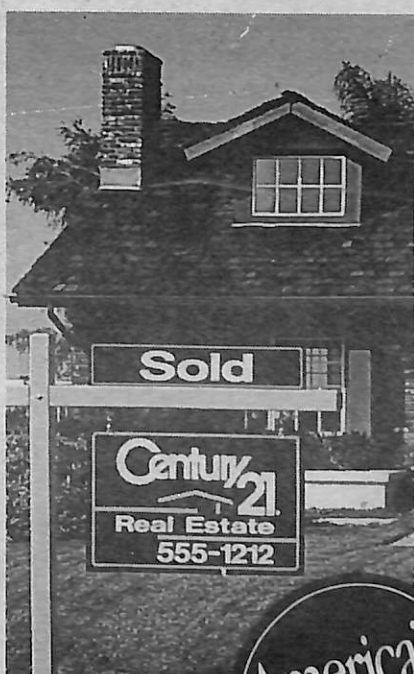
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Grilled Chicken Breast - **\$9.95**  
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16 oz. King Cut - **\$15.95**  
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**Fresh Baked Sea Scallops - \$10.95**  
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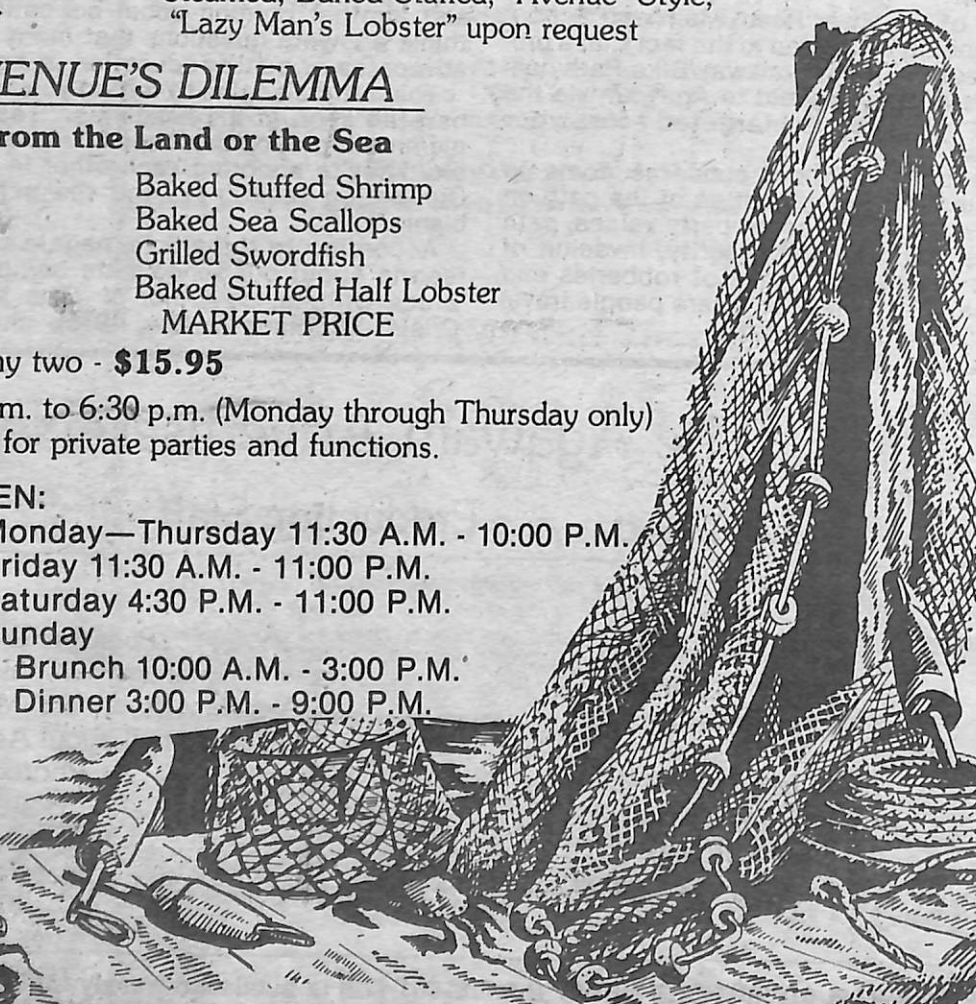
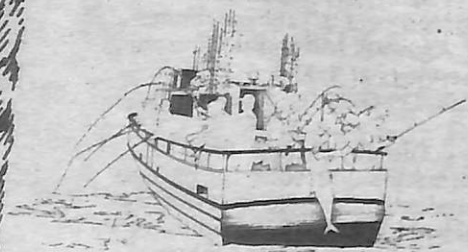
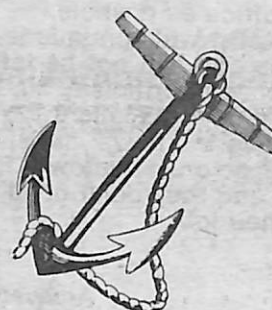
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## AHS Girls' Basketball Team Had A Fantastic Season

### To The Editor:

Congratulations to Coach Lou Conte, Assistant Coach Debbie Lickley, and the Agawam High School girls' basketball team for winning the Valley Wheel title and going to the Semi-Finals. What a fantastic season you had!

Very truly yours,  
Clyde E.P. Benton  
Feeding Hills

## Agawam Councilor Disputes Letter About News Reporting

### To The Editor:

I was very disappointed with Mr. Forni's criticism and remarks against the reporting of the *The Agawam Advertiser News*. If things don't go his way, Mr. Forni is the first, along with very few, to use the Council microphone and his pen to complain and attack with their usual misinformation and false accusations.

This time, Mr. Forni is trying to tell *The Agawam Advertiser* reporter how to report the news. Mr. Forni, *The Advertiser News*, and especially the news reporter, Mrs. Cassanelli, report the news with fairness, open minds, and professionalism. If you wish to have the newspaper and the reporter to serve only your agenda, I'm glad that you didn't succeed. I have great respect for the professionalism of Mrs. Cassanelli's reporting and the newspaper office as a whole.

I believe Kathy will continue to report the news with fairness and will not be intimidated by the few loud voices of criticism. Mr. Sardella and his staff have done an excellent job for many, many years reporting the news, the sports, and all the events which go on in our town. They know how to do their job and they don't need you to tell them how to do their job.

Sincerely,  
George Blitzas  
Agawam City Councilor

## Many Questions Need To Be Answered About Bike Path

### To The Editor:

Residents of the River Road, Main and School Street area should be alerted to the fact that a proposed Connecticut River Walkway/Bike Path linking Chicopee and Springfield to Agawam via the South End Bridge is targeted for your neighborhood.

Numerous questions and concerns come to mind regarding the exact location of the path on these streets, the affect on property values, path maintenance, policing and security, invasion of privacy, and increased chance of robberies and safety issues on a State road where people travel upwards of 50-55 miles per hour.

It is my understanding that neither Springfield nor Chicopee have designated residential areas for their portion of the project.

Deborah Dachos, a Bike Path Committee member, has already gone before our Planning Board asking for and receiving a letter of support for the plan.

At the March 6th Council meeting, there was a first reading of a resolution (TR-96-4) from the Mayor authorizing him to apply for grant funds to COMPLETE the Agawam portion of the Connecticut River Walkway.

To date, the plans for the project are incomplete, and there has not been one public meeting for the residents who will be affected.

Neighbors and friends, it is time for action. Please contact your councilors with your concerns and SPEAK OUT at the next Council meeting to halt this process until we are respectfully given a voice in the procedure.

Anyone interested in forming an East Agawam Neighborhood Council is urged to contact me.

Respectfully yours,  
Donna Jago  
1028 River Rd.  
Agawam

## Joint School Councils Mtg. Was Very Enlightening

### To The Editor:

I would like to thank Sue Dempsey for coordinating the February 29th Joint School Councils meeting. I thought it was a very enlightening evening.

Most importantly, that evening allowed Mr. Ryder to BRIEFLY (yeah right, like it could ever happen) speak about his opinions surrounding the negative publicity of the Agawam School System.

I quote, "You people took a big risk putting your names in the newspapers." He proceeded to say that he now understands why we did it. HE has come to the conclusion that we parents of school-aged children are only trying to HELP!

Thank you, Mr. Ryder, for embracing us and not branding us. Let's not bury our heads in the sand any longer.

Things have been brought into the open and because of this, we are all trying to work together to make positive changes. That is a GOOD THING!

Debra Curtis  
Agawam

## We Must All Work Together To Educate Our Children

### To The Editor:

Previously there have been many letters concerning the education of our Agawam children. This letter is to add another point of view from a concerned parent, as well as information taken from an article appearing in the March issue of *Better Homes & Gardens*.

This article, titled, "The Good News About Our Schools," was written by Nick Gallo. This article is about the public education system across America. While the article gives us information and another opinion about education, it also, I think, answers questions that many parents and advocates of quality education in Agawam raise.

This article begins by letting you know what we have all seen in the headlines. "Test scores are plummeting. Kids can't spell, kids are irresponsible. They're shooting each other in the hallway. Our nation is at risk, and the schools are to blame."

According to the article, negative studies and reports about our schools are being challenged. Bruce Briddle, co-author of "The Manufactured Crisis" (Addison-Wesley, 1995), charges educa-

tion critics with using faulty data, incomplete information, and selected statistics to paint a false picture.

"School-bashing is a popular pastime," Biddle says, "but Americans are being misled. It's time to set the record straight." Also, Gerald Bracey, an independent researcher, executive director of the Alliance for Curriculum Reform and author of the annual "Bracey Report on the Condition of Public Education," agrees.

Bracey states, "By almost any measure, today's students equal or surpass those in previous years." To support his opinion, he points to several sources. I suggest all concerned citizens who care about the education of their children read this article and see if they agree with me that maybe, just maybe, we are "school-bashing" without really knowing all the facts.

By reading this article, you can see that we are not the only school system trying to improve the education of our children. Also, that MONEY does play a big part in education. The more money you spend on education, the more results you will receive. Updated material is a MUST, computers, and a well-equipped library. At the end of the article, there is a checklist for your school.

Top of the list is "Visit the school. Arrange an appointment with the principal or school administrator who can give you the basic facts." This article is worthwhile reading and gives us another outlook concerning our education of our schools.

One of the interesting facts of this article is the reason for the lower test scores on the SAT's. "The number and diversity of students who were taking the test has multiplied dramatically in 20 years. With a broader range of students taking the test, the average score was bound to drop."

Also, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, which is another achievement test, shows that current scores are at an all-time high as are other test scores. After you read this article, I think you will agree with me that schools in general are getting better, but they still have a long way to go to get even better.

However, we must give praise for the recent gains that we have made in education. Let us ALL work together with the Agawam schools to make them the best that they can be and give our children the rich future that they deserve.

Sincerely,  
Grace L. Tilden  
Agawam

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Saturday, March 16th  
Corned beef & cabbage dinner at Agawam Methodist Church  
Servings at 5:00 & 6:30 p.m.  
Call 789-0684 for reservations

Tuesday, March 19th  
Informational meeting for parents of students interested in trying out for Agawam Youth Cheerleading Assoc.  
At Agawam Public Library  
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th  
Agawam Lions Club's Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner  
At Agawam Middle School  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd  
"Annual Record Hop" to benefit Cub Scout Pack 75  
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## Not Getting Whole Truth About Power Plant

To The Editor:

In recent news articles, Berkshire Power has been telling us that the Energy Facilities Siting Board is authorized to overturn our Board of Appeals decisions. Ken Roberts, who heads the strangers from Berkshire Power, has been perpetuating the false impression that a meeting with the members of the Siting Board may very well lead to overturning our Board of Appeals.

It is true that the Siting Board has the authority to override local licensing boards. However, as is customary for Berkshire Power and their most vocal supporters, the complete and most important facts are left out. What we are not being told is that the Siting Board, in their entire history, has NEVER overridden an appeals board and has no intention to now.

The Energy Facility Siting Board was formed in the 70's as a result of the energy crisis. The Siting Board insures that in the event of an energy or state emergency, there would be enough energy to protect the public's and state's interest.

While speaking with members of the Energy Facilities Siting Board in Boston, I was told that they don't intend to now, or in the future, use their override authority. One reason is that of the hundreds of power plants in the state, none of them are or ever have operated at capacity. Therefore, there is no state or energy emergency.

Also, it is illegal for Berkshire Power to meet privately with the Siting Board to discuss overturning our appeals board. Before an override can be considered by anyone, there must be an open and full scale public hearing.

As can be readily seen, Berkshire Power and their vocal supporters, as usual, only tell us what they want us to hear. They make it a continuing point to leave out the important facts so that we never know the full and real truth.

Because of their continuous attempts to keep us uninformed through misinformation, and lack of information, they have deliberately split our community in a way that has never been done before. Once again, it is NOT what Berkshire Power tells us, it is what they DON'T tell us.

Regarding in lieu of taxes:

In reference to the in lieu of tax payments, a resident wrote to *The Advertiser News* regarding

Berkshire Power wanting to pay us no taxes in exchange for an \$800,000 offer. The resident wrote, "When someone gives you more than is necessary, you do not say no."

In my experience, when a group of strangers such as Berkshire Power wants to give us more than they have to, I begin to worry and wonder why they are being so generous. Especially if there are politicians involved.

As our police department, Attorney General, and District Attorney keep reminding us, "If it is too good to be true, then it is too good to be true." The truth is, Berkshire Power is offering us a non-tax payment of \$800,000 because they do not want to give us an actual tax payment in excess of \$3,500,000 per year.

For those who believe Berkshire Power's claims that they will only have to pay around \$200,000, here are some facts that can be checked with the State Department of Revenue and our own assessor's office. The Department of Revenue considers all power plants to be utilities and NOT manufacturers. There are no power plants in the state that have manufacturing status, therefore Berkshire Power has to be taxed as a utility. Berkshire Power has no Standard Industrial Code Number as legally required of manufacturers, therefore they must be taxed as a utility.

Our assessor, who determines evaluation and what will be taxable has never said anything to lead anyone to believe that Berkshire Power will not have to pay their fair share of taxes.

I can understand why Berkshire Power will do anything in their power to convince us to accept an in lieu of tax payment. I can understand why they would rather pay \$800,000 rather than \$3,500,000.

What I don't understand is why our elected officials, who are sworn to protect our interest, would so strongly support an \$800,000 non-tax payment rather than insisting on a true and fair tax payment.

It seems to make more sense that if our elected officials are going to sell out our community for \$800,000, why don't they sell us out for the \$3,500,000? At least we will get paid what is rightfully ours.

There is plenty of proof that Berkshire Power only cares about the money they will make and very little about our community. If they really cared, they would pay us what they should. Good neighbors don't cheat their friends. Remember, Berkshire Power will make BILLIONS of dollars over the life of the plant, so why should they be allowed to get away so cheaply?

AT THE VERY LEAST, NO IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE UNTIL BERKSHIRE POWER'S TAX STATUS IS VERIFIED AND CERTIFIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. Only then should a decision be made as to how Berkshire Power will compensate our community.

Thank you,  
Louis J. Russo  
Feeding Hills

## Town's Law Dept. Should Be Divided Into 2 Equal Parts

To The Editor:

There has been a lot of time spent in recent weeks dealing with the debate over the "law department." It is my feeling that our Town is at the crossroads in our development and growth politically. This is personified by the aforementioned debate over the law department. I think that the old adage applies here: that one person cannot serve two masters.

In reviewing the law budget, we have set aside for regular payment, \$41,500.00. This amount is disbursed between the Solicitor and the Associate Solicitor. Since we are now governed by a true executive branch and legislative branch form of government, we, as a government, are compelled to maintain the separation of powers. Even a hint of impropriety raises the ongoing debate that has polarized our community.

I think that we can eliminate this problem in the following manner. The law budget should be divided into two equal parts, one legal council for the executive branch (mayor's office and his dept.) and one legal council for the legislative branch (the council body).

The attorney for each branch would be appointed/hired by the branch that they would serve and would only be able to be removed by the appointing/hiring branch. The exception would be gross misconduct and failure to perform the duties under the law department hiring policy.

Indeed this problem must be addressed to insure a pure form of democracy. I am requesting that the council place the following on its next regular agenda for open discussion, under article 8, section 8-1 (a).

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## REFERENDUM INSTRUCTIONS:

I would ask that the Council President, Nancy Thompson, set forth what she feels is the proper format for any citizen or group of citizens to activate the referendum process. Since many of the councilors ran on free and unencumbered access to the referendum process, I publicly request that the council and its president structure a written format and instructions geared to the layman, on how to write and present a referendum petition. This should include a sample petition and be posted in the Clerk's office for any of the residents to review so that we truly have access to the referendum process.

## QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL ON "IN LIEU OF TAX" CONTRACTS

Please answer the following questions, members of Town Council:

**WILL THE COUNCIL BE REQUIRED TO APPROVE ANY IN LIEU OF TAX CONTRACT THAT MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE TOWN?**

**IF SO...**

**WHAT INDIVIDUAL, PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND DOES EACH COUNCILOR HAVE IN NEGOTIATING IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENTS?**

**ON WHAT BASIS AND BY WHAT STANDARDS WILL THE COUNCIL DETERMINE THE MERITS OF THE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT?**

**WOULD PUBLIC DEBATE AND INPUT ASSIST THE COUNCIL IN EDUCATING ITSELF AND THE PUBLIC ON CONCERNS AND ISSUES RELATING TO IN LIEU OF TAX DEALS?**

Respectfully submitted,  
Abe Kasparian  
Agawam

## "CAT" Spokesperson Is Pleased With Progress

## To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the success of the Concerned Agawam Taxpayers group. The meetings we've held over the past few weeks have been extremely informative and have served to distribute factual information about the Berkshire Power project and the state of Agawam's economic future.

The members of the group are excited about supporting the Berkshire Power development, and are willing to step forward to promote Agawam as a community that will embrace future growth in the industrial park. I admire their enthusiasm, dedication, and spirit.

I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to all of the people who have made the Concerned Agawam Taxpayers group as successful as it is. Gary Arnold, Linda Lewis, Sue Arnold, Steve

Brouillet, Sue Pettazzoni, Laurie Littlefield, and my husband, Chet, have worked tirelessly to set the direction of the group, expand our membership, as well as to plan and organize the meetings.

They deserve our admiration and respect for their efforts to promote Agawam's positive voice. Also, Joann McGeoghan, the representative for Berkshire Power, has been wonderful to work with and has worked hard to support our group's efforts. In addition, I would like to say that Tom Sophinos, the owner of the **Oaks Banquet House**, has been paramount to the success of our group. His support through the donation of his facility for our meetings makes it possible to comfortably accommodate the high number of people that join us at every meeting. Tom deserves our thanks and our patronage.

The Concerned Agawam Taxpayers group is making a difference. This is evidenced by the encouraging comments I've heard from people who live both in and out of Agawam, and by the reduced hateful and vicious dialog displayed by the group opposing Berkshire Power.

Because of the Concerned Agawam Taxpayers, the political climate in Agawam will shift from one of spite and hatred to one of support and professionalism. This change will come about slowly, but it will come because the Concerned Agawam Taxpayers will begin to hold our elected and appointed officials accountable for their actions and their votes on the important issues facing Agawam.

I strongly encourage more Agawam residents to become involved in the effort to support quality economic growth by joining us at our next meeting on **March 20th** at the **Oaks Banquet House** beginning at **7:30 p.m.** Agawam needs and deserves your participation.

Sincerely,  
Vivian M. Dziardziel, Spokesperson  
Concerned Agawam Taxpayers

## Open Your Eyes To What's Happening With Power Plant

## To The Editor:

I cannot believe some of the letters that people are sending regarding Berkshire Power. People are claiming that Agawam needs the revenue, and to leave poor Berkshire Power alone since they are offering us more money than they have to.

Yet these same people don't see anything wrong with Berkshire Power SUING our town?? And the fact that they are OFFERING more money than they have to doesn't look a little strange to anyone???

I was always taught that if it LOOKS too good to

be true, you can be sure it is!!! I wish some of these people would for once put health, safety, and the environment before the selfish idea of money. (And I have yet to see an outline of EXACTLY how much money each citizen of Agawam is going to receive should Berkshire Power move here).

COME ON, PEOPLE, PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES!!!!

Thank you,  
Andrea Scalise  
Feeding Hills

## Voices Of Only The Few Are Influencing Agawam Council

## To The Editor:

The designs and voice of a few have been disproportionately heard by those in the City Council. The rest of us must provide a check and balance to continue to impress the City Council and other members of town government that townspeople want industrial development.

The public interest requires a continuing and growing influx of tax revenue to fund town services and the school system. Agawam will prosper as its citizens prosper and that includes businesses.

State statutes and city zoning laws allow for industrial development as the best method for a town to provide for itself. Violating these regulations by not permitting industrial development where it has been allowed would mock their integrity.

Which would you prefer? A nuclear power plant within five miles, 10 miles, 50 miles, 100 miles, 500 miles, 1,000 miles of your home or the cleanest generating plant in the country? "New England is hobbled by heavy reliance on expensive nuclear power, which accounts for 51 percent of the electricity generated in the six-state region," according to the February 20, 1996 *Wall Street Journal*.

The people in the Ukraine and all over Europe and around Three Mile Island in the U.S. can tell you a little bit about pollution. And as you know, there are no new nuclear plants being built, but those that do exist are already starting to be decommissioned. What will replace these energy sources? How about gas fired plants!

The slow process of tax taking is the very reason we should support the Mayor in his efforts to enter an in-lieu of tax agreement which would allow the town to, in essence, "garnish the revenues" if the plant did ever prove delinquent.

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## Agawam Obituaries

### Florence E. Rose

Florence E. (Rioux) Rose, 77, of 350 Meadow St., Agawam, a 12-year administrative assistant at the former Combustion Engineering Co. in Windsor, CT, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She retired in 1980. Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of the city's High School of Commerce. She lived here for 34 years, and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. She belonged to the Senior Center.

Her husband, Malcolm Perry Rose, died in 1992. She leaves a daughter, Kathleen E. Grazio of Raleigh, North Carolina, and two grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

### Rose Ouimet

Rose "Nana" (Trudeau) Ouimet, 96, of 711 Suffolk Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in West Springfield on September 10, 1899, to the late Joseph and Lena Trudeau, she was a longtime resident of Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1990.

In the early 1950's, she was a sales clerk for the former Youth Center clothing store in Springfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, the late Ambrose E. Ouimet, who died in 1969. She was also predeceased by both her children, the late Madeline Vivencio (who died in 1971) and the late William C. Ouimet.

She is survived by two grandchildren, Rosemarie T. (Vivencio) Stanisewski of Agawam and John C. Vivencio, Jr. of Springfield; five great-grandchildren, Christine M. (Stanisewski) Weissman of West Springfield, Kimberly A. (Stanisewski) Boulanger of Alaska, Albert Stanisewski, Jr. of Agawam, and John C. Vivencio III and Michael Vivencio, both of Springfield; one great-great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose Boulanger of Alaska, and one great-great-grandson, Tyler Michael Vivencio.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home of Agawam, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, West Springfield. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery.

### RUTH CASE

Ruth Beverly (White) Case, 69, of Boca Raton, Florida, passed quietly on March 9th, 1996, after a lengthy illness.

Born in Springfield, Mass., she was the daughter of Leroy E. White and Grace E. (Siddall) White of Chicopee Falls and graduated from Chicopee High School.

She and her first husband, Peter Geanacopoulos, moved to Canton, Pennsylvania in 1959 and resided there until the death of Pete in 1972.

She lived in Agawam until moving to Williamsport, Pennsylvania. She married Paul E. Case and in 1979, they retired to Florida and lived in Marathon and Boca Raton.

She is survived by her husband, Paul E. Case of Boca Raton; one son, Peter A. Geanacopoulos of Canton, Pennsylvania; stepsons, Stephen Case of Celina, Texas, and James E. Case of New York, New York; five grandchildren; and a brother, Douglas L. White of Agawam. She was preceded in death by her brother, Elwood White, in 1989.

### Alice E. Walker

Alice E. "Betty" (Leeman) Walker, 84, of North Road, Brentwood, New Hampshire, and formerly of Agawam, died at a Brentwood nursing home.

Born in Elmcroft, New Brunswick, Canada, she was a graduate of Calais, Maine, Academy, and attended the former Springfield, Mass. Art School. She was a longtime Springfield area resident before moving here, and attended the Agawam Congregational Church.

Her husband, John Walker, Jr., died in 1975. She leaves two sons, Edward of Texas and Jack; a daughter, Shirley Ryan of Raymond; a brother, Joseph of South Carolina; two sisters, Virginia Graves of California and Ada Dube of Springfield; 20 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, with interment at Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104.

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Though you'll nestle not in my arms  
I'll keep you always in my heart.*

Love And Miss You,  
Mommy, Kristan, Rachel



**Marilyn H. Rennell**

Marilyn H. (Jones) Rennell, 64, of 72 Colonial Ave., Agawam, a secretary at SCM Container Machinery, died in Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in North Adams, she graduated from Bartlett High School in Dudley, Cushing Academy and Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. She moved here in 1967.

She was a member of Agawam Baptist Church. She leaves her husband, Robert F. Rennell; two sons, Robert F. Jr. of Feeding Hills and Glenn Albert of Agawam; two daughters, Hope Elyn Paradysz of Feeding Hills and Robin R. Oullette of Carver; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was in the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

### Albert R. Nicholson

Albert R. Nicholson, 70, of Agawam, an employee at the former American Bosch in Springfield, died in his sister's Springfield home.

Born in Springfield, he moved here 17 years ago. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he received the Korean Service Medal, the U.N. Service Medal, and the R.O.K. Presidential Unit Citation.

He belonged to the American Bosch 25-Year Club and was a former member of the Springfield Sportsman's Club in Monson.

He leaves a sister, Marie V. Touet; a niece, Laura Dziuban; and a nephew, Mark Touet, all of Springfield.

The funeral and burial will be private, and Forastiere Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 393 Maple St., Springfield, 01105.

### Harold F. Allen

Harold F. Allen, 88, of 54 High Street, Agawam, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield. He was a retired foreman at the former Springfield Armory, and worked there more than 20 years. He also worked for Continental Baking Co. in Holyoke and Springfield, and Johnson's Asbestos Co. in West Springfield.

Born in Springfield, he lived here for 50 years. He leaves his wife, the former Flora Provost; five sons, Robert of Long Island, New York, Harold of Longmeadow, Gerald of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, Kenneth of Minden, Nevada, and Steven of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Kathleen St. Pierre and Nancy Cooley of Feeding Hills; 24 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and St. Theresa's Church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills.

### LETTERS - from Page 6...

There has been the impression on the part of some that the matter has been removed from our hands. However, we can still secure citizen input on the question by resurrecting the spirit of the letter of support for Berkshire Power signed by 10 members of the city council. And lobby Representative Keenan and Senator Melconian, Brian Lees, and Stanley Rosenberg to allow the State Energy Facilities Siting Board and the DPU to permit the will of the city and its people.

Just as those who opposed the power plant were defeated in the last November election from gaining office, we can also remove the recalcitrant who now oppose it. Where there's a will, there's a way, dear citizens.

Concerned Agawam Taxpayer,  
Laurie Littlefield

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Conservation Committee will meet Thursday, March 14, 1996, at 7:30 P.M. to consider Claude Guidetti's proposal to build on the lot located next to his residence at 201 Leonard St., Agawam, MA.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Claude Guidetti  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, on THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1996, at 6:40 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of JOSEPHINE M. VETO who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 180-11 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the establishment of a business, a nail salon, at the premises identified as 21 RICHARDSON PLACE.

Ronald Hebert, Chairman

Published: March 14, 1996

*The family of*

## Richard S. Brindle

wishes to express their deep gratitude for the outpouring of love, sympathy, and prayers during his illness and recent death. He appreciated the phone calls, cards, flowers, fruit, and caring concern shown by the community.



## Council Passes Tree Belt Ordinance; Tables Call For Legal Opinion On Law Dept.

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At its Wednesday, March 6th meeting, Town Council approved an ordinance making property owners responsible for keeping their tree belts mowed and cleared of litter.

Voting in favor were Councilors Christian Quatrone, Kent Servis, David Skolnick, Gary Suffriti, Nancy Thompson, George Bitzas, and Joseph Langone. Voting against were Councilors Edward Caba and Dennis Perry. Councilors Jill Simpson and Thomas Ennis were absent.

Sponsored by Councilor George Bitzas and the Agawam Beautification Committee, the ordinance was amended to exclude agriculturally zoned land which is being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

Enforcement of the ordinance will be the responsibility of the building inspector and the health agent, if unsanitary conditions exist. Violators face fines of up to \$100.

John Zebryk, a member of the Beautification Committee, told councilors the ordinance would put Agawam in line with other progressive communities across the state and would improve the town's prospects when applying for state and federal grants.

In 1995, Agawam was awarded a \$5,000 Urban Forest Planning Grant from the state (in part) because the grant proposal included a pledge to petition the council for an ordinance similar to the tree belt ordinance.

Zebryk said the ordinance would not create a "bunch of litter police," but would give the town the leverage to deal with the fraction of one per-

cent of the people who ignore their tree belts and create an eyesore. Zebryk said senior citizens have been role models for the community in taking care of their tree belts.

However, should any senior citizens have a problem in complying with the ordinance in the future, the Beautification Committee would assist them or find assistance for them.

In other business, the council agreed to table Councilor Gary Suffriti's request to hire attorney Michael Curran for the purpose of obtaining a legal opinion as to whether the town's solicitors have a conflict of interest in representing the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Berkshire Power case.

In a memo containing back-up information to his request, Suffriti suggested spending no more than \$250 for the independent legal opinion.

In a memorandum sent to the council, Town Solicitor Thomas Locke states that Curran is presenting representing a group of plaintiffs (including Councilor Caba) in a complaint filed against the Mayor and the town, and therefore has a "direct conflict of interest in providing legal services to the town council."

In his memorandum to the council, Locke says the council could get a ruling on the issue of the town solicitors' representing the ZBA at no charge from the State Ethics Commission.

"Since the opinion could be obtained from the Ethics Commission, we should save the money for the town. It's very simple—send for the opinion of the Ethics Commission," Bitzas said.

## Concerned Agawam Taxpayers (CAT) Plan Next Meeting For Wednesday, March 20th

The Concerned Agawam Taxpayers (CAT) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 1996 at The Oaks Banquet House, Suffield Street, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

CAT members encourage Agawam residents

and businesses to join them at this meeting. This will be a workshop.

Please attend and join the group that has a positive image for this community.

For more information, call 789-7589 or 786-2913.

## Regular Council Meeting Agenda For Monday, March 18th

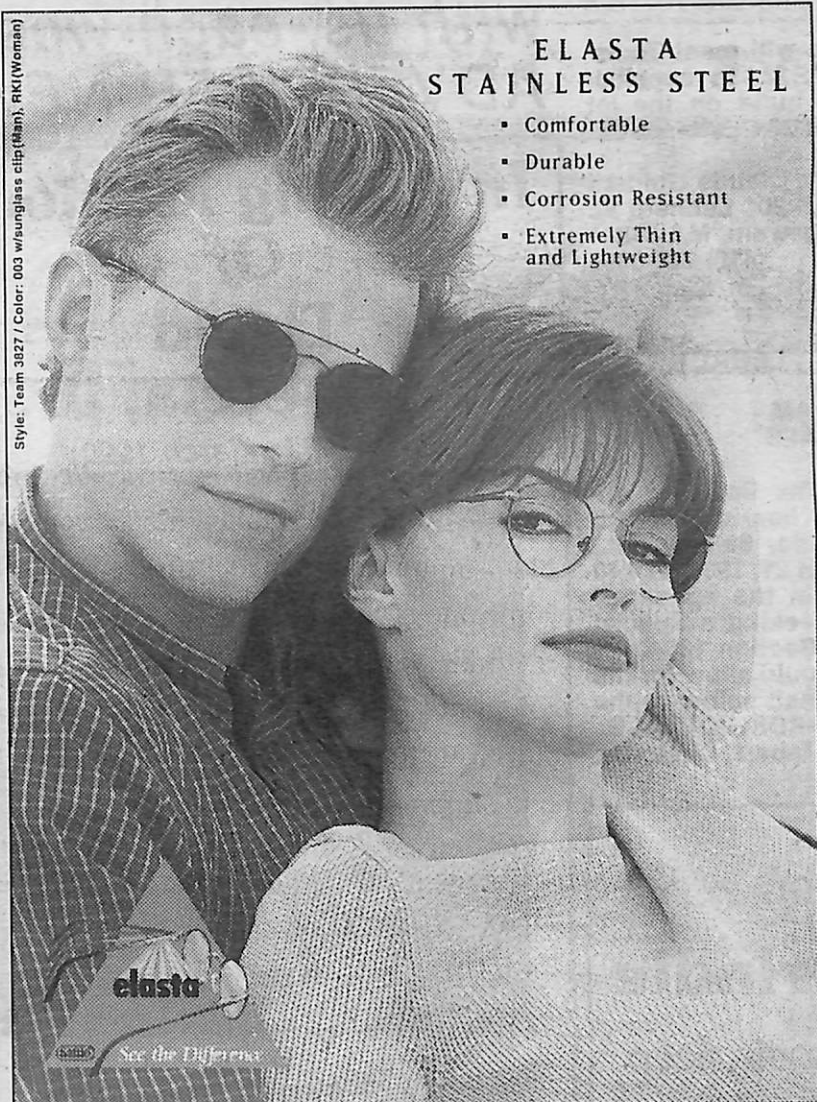
1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 3/6/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
  - (a) Resolutions
    1. TR-96-4-Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for Grant Funds from the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction to Complete the Agawam Portion of the Connecticut Riverwalk (Mayor).
    2. TR-96-5-Resolution Confirming the Reappointment of Rosemary Sandlin, 99 Granger Drive, FH, MA to the Agawam Housing Authority for a Five Year Term Expiring the Second Monday in January, 2001 (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
  - None.
9. Public Hearings
  - None.
10. Old Business
  - (a)
    1. TO-96-8-Request the City Council to hire an outside Attorney for legal opinion (Coun. Suffriti) (Tabled on 3/6/96).
    2. TO-96-9-Voucher List (\$23.20).

## CCBA To Hold Educational Meeting On Wed., March 20th

The Concerned Citizens & Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) will be holding an educational meeting on the issue of Berkshire Power at the Crestview Country Club on Wednesday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m.

The guest speakers will include Trout Unlimited, Clean Water Action and Connecticut River Watershed Council.

All Agawam residents and business owners are invited to attend.



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## On Radio Talk Show... Both Sides Of Power Plant Issue Slug It Out

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Both sides of the struggle over siting a power plant in the industrial park took their views to the airwaves in a three-hour-long rehash of issues familiar to Agawam broadcast over talk radio station WNNZ on Monday afternoon.

Appearing on the Mitch Ogulewicz show, representatives of Berkshire Power (BP) and Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) were for the most part successful in resisting their host's promise to "have both sides fighting before the show is over."

Still, tempers flared in a heated exchange between BP Project Manager Ken Roberts and Jonathan Gould, director of Country Estates Nursing and Rehab facility on Suffield Street, over their attempts to come to an agreement on mitigating the visual impact of the proposed power plant.

Gould said he reluctantly entered into negotiations with BP to discuss possible ways to block out the view of the power plant (while maintaining the pristine view of the fields and the neighboring horse farm enjoyed by his residents from second-floor windows and from the outdoor patio area).

Gould said the negotiations were abruptly terminated when another nearby business withdrew its opposition to the power plant.

Roberts said, "Hearing Jon express his serious concern for the health and safety of his patients at public hearings, I find it extremely hypocritical that for a half-million dollars he was willing to support our project."

Gould said a significant amount of work would have had to be done to shield the patio work and install visor-like canopies on the windows to block out a direct view of the sky. Gould said final construction costs were not available when the talks broke off, but every penny would have been spent in blocking out the view.

CCBA's Frank Lawlor disputed BP's claim that deregulation of the power industry would allow it to sell power cheaply to the Town of Agawam by 1999.

"There is no way to sit here and accurately predict what is going to come out of this for three, five, or 10 years," Lawlor said.

### Legislation Pending in Boston...

Roberts said there is legislation pending in Boston that would make it easier for local communities to form an authority to purchase wholesale electricity from an independent power company and sell it at retail prices to residents and businesses.

Although there has been no decision in the legal battle over Berkshire Power's appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals' denial of a special permit, Lawlor said he believes any attempts to bypass the local zoning board at the state Energy Facilities Siting Board would not succeed.

Lawlor said the EFSB was created in the early 1970's and the bypass process has never been attempted.

"If Berkshire Power attempted to use these laws, it would unleash all kinds of questions," Lawlor said. "We've been assured of all kinds of legal help from other communities because this would bring into question all local zoning laws."

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 21, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 881 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Joseph Schlaffer for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of Barden Street, a proposed 6 lot subdivision to be located on 4.5 acres on Barden Street.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

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weeks in advance.**

## Town Of Agawam Seeks Applicant For Vacancy On Board Of Commissioners

Please be advised the Town of Agawam is seeking a voter to fill a current vacancy on the Board of Commissioners to Administer the Thomas Pyne Fund and the Whiting Street Fund.

The funds were established to benefit the "worthy poor" in the Town of Agawam. The Board of Commissioners shall, so far as consistent with the terms of the wills, manage and control the same, consider applications for assistance and distribute the income in accordance with the terms of the respective wills.

The Board of Commissioners shall keep a record of its activities, and at the close of each calendar year shall make a report to the Mayor and to the Council, showing the total amount of the funds, and their investments, receipts and disbursements on account of the same, setting forth in detail the sources of the receipts and the purposes of the expenditures.

Should any registered voter be interested in the above position please contact the Mayor's Office in writing.

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## Town Democrats Hold Caucus



**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE** held a caucus on March 2nd to select delegates to the upcoming state convention. From left - Douglas Bodman, delegate counter; Joanne Willis, secretary; Scott Letendre, vice-chairman; Ronald Hebert, treasurer; and Barbara Dunn, chairwoman. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Melconian Offers Comments On Overhaul Of State Govt. & Delivery Of Services

In a major overhaul of state government, Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) announced the passage of Article 1 and Article 8 of Governor William Weld's Reorganization Proposal, and the rejection of Articles 2 through 7 of the plan.

Two of the Governor's eight proposals will result in the abolition of five cabinet secretaries and 98 boards, commissions, and positions from state government, effective July 1, 1996, the first day of the state's Fiscal Year 1997.

"This is a measured and responsible approach to reorganizing government," Melconian said. "Legislators are receptive to changes that enhance the efficiency and quality of government services, but we must continue to be responsive to citizens who rely on government services for survival."

With only 60 days to consider the proposals, and with no chance for amendments, the Senate and House were forced to reject the other components of the Governor's plan. Although they contained many beneficial policies, the proposals could undercut the availability and delivery of services to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

"The Administration failed to substitute the fiscal or policy benefits of many of these recommendations," Melconian said, "and the Legislature is unwilling to make reckless decisions that affect the management, provision, and oversight of government services."

The Legislature will now devise a proposal that combines the best elements of the Governor's detailed restructuring of Environmental Affairs, Human Services, Health, Transportation, and Public Safety Agencies with its own initiatives. Melconian believes that the complete reorganization of the executive branch of government requires more than 60 days to achieve.

"I believe that thorough debate, extensive analysis, and participation from the public and the Administration will enable us to produce a plan that will not have unwanted results for the citizens of the Commonwealth," Melconian stated. "We must move in a careful and thoughtful manner in order to properly change Massachusetts government."

## Town Sends Out First Batch Of Excise Tax Bills

The first batch of motor vehicle excise bills for the Town of Agawam for fiscal year 1996 were mailed by March 13, 1996. This batch includes over 21,000 bills and represents the first commitment received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles for 1996 bills.

Commitments number 8 for 1994 and number 7 for 1995 were also mailed on March 13th. A total of over 25,000 bills were mailed.

It is important to note that, unlike real estate and personal property tax bills, all motor vehicle excise bills are prepared by the Registry of Motor Vehicles based upon information on the motor vehicle registration. The following is excerpted from "Motor Vehicle Excise Information," published by the Citizen Information Service of the Secretary of State's Office.

"Excise bills are prepared by the Registry of Motor Vehicles according to the information on the motor vehicle registration. Payment of the motor vehicle excise is due 30 days from the date the excise bill is mailed. According to Chapter 60A, Section 2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, 'Failure to receive notice shall not affect the validity of the excise.' A person who does not receive a bill is still liable for the excise plus any interest charges accrued."

Therefore, it is important to have the correct mailing address on file at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. If a taxpayer's excise bill has not been delivered by March 18, 1996, please call the Collector's Office at 786-0400, extension 218.

The motor vehicle excise is payable in full 30 days after the date of mailing, on April 12, 1996. If not paid, your registration and your driver's license may not be renewed.

In addition, if payment is not made by the due date, interest at the rate of 14 percent will be charged on the amount of the payment that is unpaid and overdue. Interest is computed on overdue motor vehicle excise payments from the due date to the date payment is made.

Payments are considered made when received by the Collector. Detailed payment and abatement information is printed on the back of each motor vehicle excise bill. Any additional questions on payments should be addressed to the Collector's Office.

Taxpayers should not ignore the bill, even if they have moved or the vehicle has been sold or traded.

Taxpayers may seek refund or abatement when a motor vehicle is sold or traded and the registration is cancelled or transferred to another vehicle; when a registrant and motor vehicle is transferred to another state or country with proof of registration in such other state or country and proof of cancellation of registration in Massachusetts;

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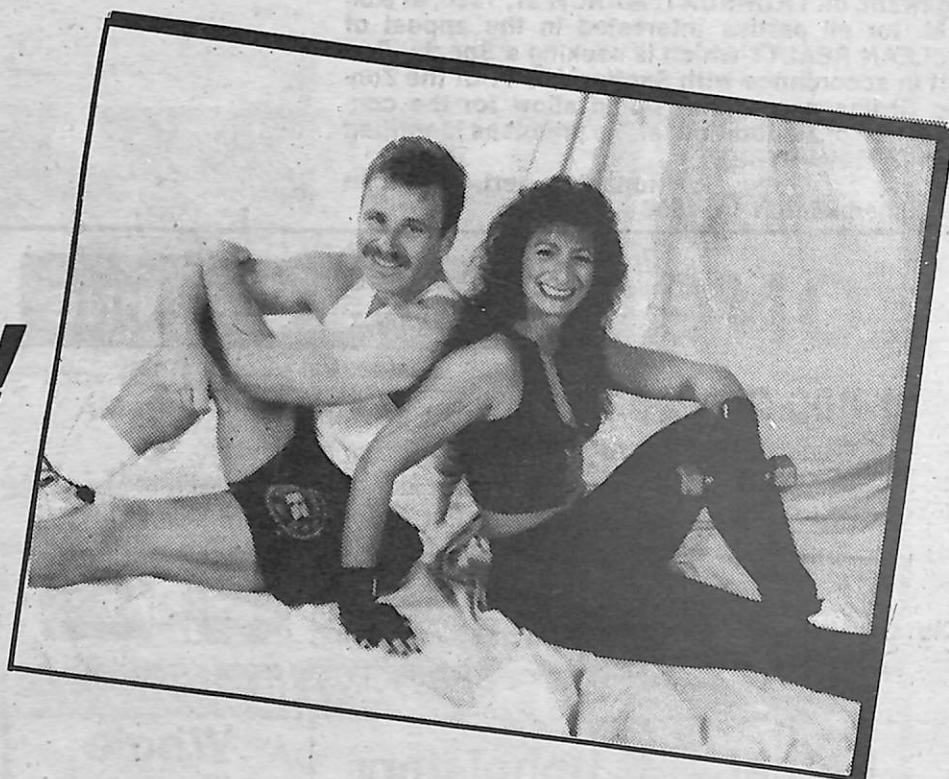
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## Fire Wise...

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### The Importance Of Fire Lanes

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The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that leaving your vehicle unattended in a fire lane may hamper emergency efforts and simply parking your vehicle leaves you open to a fine. Remember—if you park there, others will think it is acceptable to park there ... and it isn't. It's against the law.

You may think it is silly or overkill, but then when was the last time you had to move 150 feet of fire hose around someone's car or delivery truck to put out a fire, or carry someone ill or injured to an ambulance? Every step, every foot, every car or truck in the way makes a difference in the efficiency of fire and life safety.

The Agawam Fire Department wants you to realize that these areas are important to you and your neighbor's safety. Whether at a shopping center, the post office, or office building, apartment building, or transportation loading area, when they are needed, they must be available.

Park there illegally and it may cost you a fine, towing charge, or both! More importantly, it may result in more property damage, illness, or injury.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

### EXCISE BILLS - from Page 10...

when the motor vehicle is overvalued; when there is a subsequent registration of the same motor vehicle in the same year by the same person; or when the registrant has notified the local police authorities within 48 hours of the theft of the motor vehicle and has surrendered the certificate of registration to the Registrar not sooner than 30 days subsequent to the date of the theft and obtained a certificate setting forth the facts.

Application for abatement or refund must be filed with the Assessor in writing upon an approved form. Abatement information is printed on the back of the motor vehicle excise bill. Any additional questions as to how to file for a refund or abatement should be addressed to the Assessor's Office.

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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## Train Strikes Tractor Trailer At RR Crossing



A TRACTOR TRAILER carrying chemicals for paper-making was struck by a train when its driver backed it up over tracks at a railroad crossing last week on private property near one of the former Strathmore Paper Company mills. No one was injured in the crash. The West Side Fire Department determined the chemicals were not toxic. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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### Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 18th:** Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, butternut squash, oatmeal bread, fresh pear.

**Tuesday, March 19th:** BBQ pork rib, baked beans, cole slaw, Canadian oat bread, apple cobbler.

**Wednesday, March 20th:** Meatloaf with gravy, baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, lemon pudding with whipped topping.

**Thursday, March 21st:** Baked chicken leg, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, pumpernickel bread, pineapple chunks.

**Friday, March 22nd:** Tomato vegetable soup, tuna casserole, tossed salad, rye bread, canned apricots.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

### Corned Beef Dinner Planned By The Agawam Lions Club

The Agawam Lions Club has begun its preparation for its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This year's dinner will be held at the Agawam Middle School on Wednesday, March 20th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$6.50 for adults, and \$3.50 for children. Children's tickets can be purchased at the door.

The Agawam Lions Club is an all-volunteer charitable organization, which through the efforts of its 120-plus members and the solid community support, has been able to support many community projects throughout the year.

All proceeds will be earmarked for these projects.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Agawam Lions or at the door.

Help us to make this event a success so we can support these important Agawam projects such as Camp Rainbow and the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program.

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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### FLEA MARKET SCHEDULED

A large assortment of vendors is wanted. Ranging from crafts, collectable, antiques, household goods, clothing, baby items, toys, tools, sport cards, cars, and recreational vehicles. If you have a need, we have a spot for you. Will be held in heated hall, outdoor pavilion, booths, parking lot, and lawn. Pricing from 15 to 25 cents per sq. ft.

Will be held at the Polish American Club of Agawam, Inc., 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. On April 27 & 28 from 9 AM to 5 PM.

For more Information/Application call Don, (413) 786-6124.

### Two New Agawam Police Officers Named



AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL (center) stands proudly with his two new Agawam Police Officers, Richard A. McDonnell, Jr., and Joseph M. Santore. Campbell had the honor of pinning the shields on his new officers at the graduation ceremony of the 25th Anniversary Class at the Western Mass. Criminal Justice Training Center in Feeding Hills on Friday, March 8th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Miss Agawam Beauty Pageant Slated For Monday, April 1st At Chez Josef

The 9th Annual Miss Agawam Beauty Pageant & Talent Competition, slated for April 1st, at Chez Josef on Shoemaker Lane, is seeking participants in all age categories.

The event is under the director of Lori Andruss

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## Rotary Club Donation



THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB of Agawam recently donated a computer with 2 CD Rom Drives for the periodical listing service to the Agawam Public Library. Chief Librarian Donna Campbell (center) accepted a certificate from Computer Specialties in Agawam from Rotary President Kathy Ayre (right). Looking on is James Magnan. The Agawam Rotary will soon be celebrating its 20th anniversary.

## Cut-A-Thon Set By Operation Friendship

Operation Friendship will be hosting a Cut-A-Thon sponsored by DiGrigoli Salons. This will be the third Cut-A-Thon with DiGrigoli Salons, the official stylists for WWLP-TV22.

The Cut-A-Thon will take place at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills on Sunday, March 24th from 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

All haircuts will be only \$10. Call 789-0032 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

**25TH HIGH SCHOOL REUNION—CLASS OF 1971 HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, Springfield, MA.** If you were a member of the class of 1971 or know the whereabouts of a graduate, or would like to help with the reunion, please contact Cindy Kardynal Rosendale at 569-5434.

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**MEMBERS OF THE SHARK PATROL** from Cub Scout Pack 75. Back row - Teresa Hall (leader), Brian Landry (den chief), and Louise Pilegi (assistant leader). Middle row - Scott Graves, Tom Bertrand, Christopher Holl, and Sebastian Verelst. Front row - Jeffrey Woodard, Ryan Lynch, Paul Pilegi, Kevin Baptiste.

## Shark Patrol Graduates At Ceremony From Cub Scout Pack 75

At their Blue and Gold Banquet on February 11, 1996, the Shark Patrol of Cub Scout Pack 75 graduated from Cub Scouts. Members of the graduating patrol were Kevin Baptiste, Tom Bertrand, Scott Graves, Christopher Holl, Ryan Lynch, Paul Pilegi, Sebastian Verelst, and Jeffrey Woodard.

Up until this date, the boys worked very hard to complete the final requirements of Cub Scouts. Mary Lee Bertrand worked with the boys to help them earn their Readyman Pin. Cliff Hogan, Assistant Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 78, worked with them on the Geologist Pin at a meeting and on a campout with the Boy Scout Troop in December.

In January, to earn their Engineer Pin, the patrol went on a field trip to Hamilton Standard in Windsor Locks, CT, and were given a tour and information on engineering by Herb Holl and Jim Chester. They also made paper mache volcanoes and demonstrated them at the banquet as part of their Artist Pin.

The patrol also completed the requirements for their Conservation Award by earning the necessary pins and completing a project at the

Springfield Turnverein under the direction of Ken Connor, Scoutmaster of Troop 78.

There are 20 activity pins that can be earned by Webelo Scouts over a two-year period. All eight boys completed all of the requirements and did earn all 20 pins during their time as Webelo Scouts. They also completed all of the requirements for the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award a Cub Scout can earn.

Cliff Hogan, Dan Barber, and Brian Landry from Troop 78 assisted the boys and parents in this task. Jack Hallbauer, Cubmaster of Pack 75, presented the Arrow of Light Award to each scout and his parents.

A crossing-over ceremony was then held for the scouts. They removed their Webelo neckerchief, presented it to their mother, and then were presented with a Troop 78 neckerchief by Scoutmaster Ken Connor, Assistant Scoutmaster Cliff Hogan, Shark Patrol Den Chief Brian Landry, and other members of the Troop.

On February 17, 1996, at Moses Scout Camp Reservation, Troop 78 held an Indian Crossover Ceremony around a campfire to officially welcome the scouts and their parents to Troop 78.

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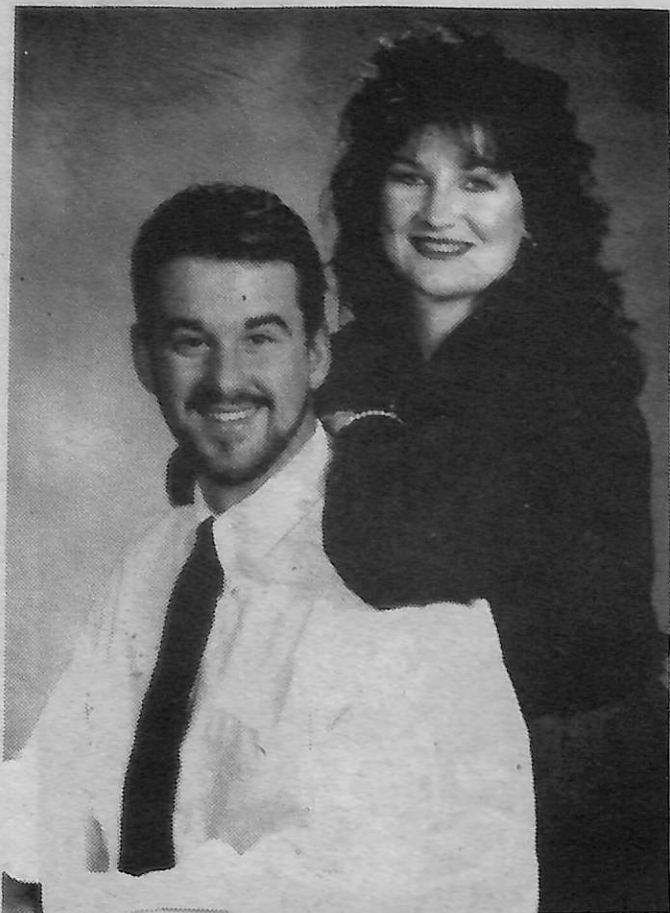
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### Rachel K. Ortego To Wed Glen P. Tetreault

Rachel Kay Ortego and Glen P. Tetreault, both of Lafayette, Louisiana, will exchange wedding vows during 1:00 p.m. ceremonies May 4th at St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The future bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Ray Ortego, of Baton Rouge. She is a graduate of McKinley Senior High School.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Tetreault of Agawam. He is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College.

After the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Lafayette, Louisiana.

### Victims Rights Group Plans Benefit Dance On Sat., March 23rd

A dance will be held on March 23rd at Adelfia's on Route 202 in South Hadley from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. All proceeds will go to the Daniel A. Larson Foundation, Inc., which although officially established in 1995, began its work in 1992 in the area of Victim's Rights.

The main objective of the Foundation is to provide emotional support and financial assistance to the survivors of homicide victims. It is difficult to realize that many families of homicide victims have no one to talk to and/or are financially unable to provide even a marker for their loved ones. Costs related to burying can equal the cost of a modest wedding.

Last year, 350 people attended the dance and due to the generosity of so many friends and businesses, many went home with raffle prizes.

Donations are gratefully accepted and raffle prizes are welcome. If you wish, donations may be made in memory of a loved one.

Tickets for the dance are \$15 (\$10 is tax deductible) and raffle tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door.

Information regarding the dance (tickets, donations, location) can be obtained by calling Dee Ziegert at 786-9443.

### Borowiecs Announce Birth Of First Child

Christopher and Jeannine (Nowik) Borowiec of East Hartford, Connecticut are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Taylor Gail Borowiec, born December 12, 1995 at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT.

Maternal grandparents are Bernard and Jean Nowik of East Hartford. Paternal grandfather is Mitchell Borowiec of Feeding Hills.

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### Annual Record Hop Slated For March 23rd At Spfld. Turnverein

Cub Pack 75 will be holding its "Annual Record Hop" on Saturday, March 23rd, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight at the Springfield Turnverein, Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

Bring your own snacks. There will be a cash bar and door prizes, and music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by a D.J.

Tickets are \$6 if purchased in advance, or \$7 at the door.

This is an adult dance, and the proceeds will be used to benefit the Pack.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Cheryl at 789-1655 or Nancy at 786-2309.

### Agawam Senior Ctr. To Begin Cribbage Tourney On Mar. 22nd

A senior cribbage tournament will be held at the Agawam Senior Center, and will be run for five weeks starting on Friday, March 22nd.

Please arrive before 1:00 p.m. for signing in. To enter the tournament, call Sandra at the Senior Center (786-0400, ext. 242) or Janice at 786-6510.

There will be a table for those who would prefer to play just for fun. Come join us.

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Ronald Hebert, Chairman

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## Church News

### Roast Beef Dinner At F.H. Congregational



PART OF THE KITCHEN CREW (top photo) who volunteered their services at the March 9th Operation Friendship Roast Beef Dinner included, from left - Jackie Gilmartin, David Cassanelli, and Kathy Cassanelli. IN PHOTO BELOW, pictured enjoying their dinner are Mary & George Barry, and Tiffany Scaife. Operation Friendship is the youth international summer exchange with a chapter at F.H. Congregational. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



SHELLEY ROSE is a member of Operation Friendship at Feeding Hills Congregational Church and was one of the servers at the March 9th dinner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### This Week At St. David's

Beginning this Saturday, several of St. David's Boy Scouts will begin their training on earning their "God and Me" award.

This Sunday, Refreshment/Mothering Sunday, an Anglican custom of experiencing refreshment from the rigors of Lent, we will enjoy delicious Simnel Cake at coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Our Junior Youth Group will be preparing and serving dinner for their parents Sunday evening.

Prayer Mondays at 6:45 p.m. Join us for 45 minutes of prayer: Evening Prayer will be said weekly. The Monday Prayer Meeting uses the Lord's Prayer as an outline for intercession, and runs from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays through Thursdays, there will be Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m.; Quiet Prayer Time, 9:00 a.m.; Noonday Prayers, 12:00 noon; Evening Prayer at 6:45 p.m., all in the Nave.

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a Lenten Retreat at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Hall. Other commitments to consider for Lent, a "Senior" Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.; Woman's Bible Study on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.; a new Thursday evening study is being formed (contact the Church Office for details). Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m., a Men's Study meets in the Upper Hall.

The Rector Will Be Speaking at a Diocesan Conference on March 22nd-23rd, looking at the election of our new Bishop. "A Bishop For All People" will feature his address, "Whole God, Whole Gospel, Whole People."

Watch for details on upcoming concert on April 27th with Michael Kelly Blanchard, a Folk Guitarist and Singer.



*Please remember that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.*

### Country Line Dancing To Begin This Friday At Ag. Congregational

Kick up your heels and come on down to the Agawam Congregational Church, and "Millie & the Gang" will teach you all of your favorite country dances!

Beginning this Friday night, March 15th, classes for everyone interested will be held in the Fellowship Hall at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Dance partners are welcome, but are not required. Hard-soled shoes are recommended.

Join us from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each Friday for the next five weeks. The cost is \$20 pre-paid at the door for this five-week session, or \$5 at the door each Friday.

Refreshments will be available and child care will be provided (at an extra charge), so ... bring the whole family.

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## Reflections...

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## Responding To God's Love...

Some people who believe that God exists have developed a couple of serious misconceptions about Him. There is a line of thought that yes, God made the world and all that is in it, including us.

After all, it defies understanding that we and our complicated and intricate world appeared and evolved out of nothing. But some people believe, for one reason or another, God is not interested nor involved in what transpires on a day-to-day basis. There is a story in the Gospel of John, located in chapter 4, which smashes that theory into bits.

As Jesus was traveling from Judea to Galilee, He happened to pass through the region of Samaria. At about lunchtime, Jesus paused to rest by the well in a town called Sychar. A certain woman came by the well to obtain some water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. The woman was surprised that Jesus would speak to her, since the Jews and Samaritans had a long standing feud going and were not friendly towards each other.

She was even more surprised when Jesus offered to give her "living water," which would satisfy the thirst of her heart for meaning and love in her life. She was even more amazed as Jesus

revealed He knew all about her life, that she had had five husbands but was now living with yet another man. Perhaps she was also stunned that a man of such obvious spiritual depth and insight didn't automatically condemn her because of her lifestyle.

Sometime during the course of this encounter, the woman at the well realized some things about God which she hadn't known before. She found out that God is interested in what happens in people's lives. He cares about all of us, even those who feel small and insignificant, or are terribly aware of the sinful condition of their lives.

Perhaps the reason this woman was at the village well at noontime, in the heat of the day, was because she was so ashamed of herself that she dared not go there when the rest of the townsfolk would go in the evening.

Yet, in spite of the fact that Jesus understood the sins of her life, He had compassion on her. He saw beyond her sins and grasped the aching of this woman's heart to be loved, to belong to someone. He looked ahead to the day He would die on the cross for her sins, when she could be reconciled to her Heavenly Father.

The fact of the matter is that God does care about us, and He wants to be involved in each of our lives. God knows all about our sins, and He also knows the reasons behind them. God understands that sometimes we sin because we need something, for instance to be loved, but that our actions are misdirected.

God also understands that sometimes we sin simply because we behave badly from time to time. Moreover, God is so involved in the affairs of mankind that He has already provided for a way to address our sins, which He took care of by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The penalty for our sins has already been paid. It is now up to each of us to be like that woman at the well, to respond to and receive the love God has for us.

## Family Style Ham & Bean Supper Planned At First Baptist Church On March 16th

The First Baptist Church, corner of Main & Elm Sts., Agawam, will sponsor a Family Style Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, March 16th with servings times at 4:45 and 6:15.

The menu will consist of baked ham, homebaked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea

or milk, and assorted homemade pies.

Cost for adults is \$7 and \$3 for children under 10. For reservations, please call 786-8609, 786-8209, or 525-2818.

If you find you are unable to honor your reservations, please call and cancel.

## Happenings This Week At 1st Baptist Church

Morning worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday at First Baptist Church, corner of Main and Elm Streets, as Pastor Richard Barnes speaks on "The Proving Grounds."

He will use scriptural text from Matthew 4: 1-11. Special Lenten music will be offered by the choir. Coffee and conversation will precede classes for all ages following morning worship.

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Also on our calendar this week:  
**Monday, March 18th:** 7:00 p.m., Nominating Committee meets.

**Tuesday, March 19th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club dinner and meeting - Rev. Bob Wyand of First Park Memorial Baptist Church, Guest Speaker.

**Wednesday, March 20th:** 7:00 a.m., Lenten breakfast, meditation, and prayer; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:00 p.m., Lenten Study Groups.

**Thursday, March 21st:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

**Friday, March 22nd:** 7:30 p.m., Our youth attend Springfield Falcons Hockey Game.

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Plans are underway for a Maundy Thursday supper meeting, time to be announced.

The ecumenical Good Friday evening meeting will be at the Baptist Church this year. More information will be forthcoming on this event.

Plan to attend these meaningful services in celebration of the Lenten season.

## Agawam Methodist To Hold Corned Beef And Cabbage Supper

The Agawam Methodist Church will hold a corned beef and cabbage supper on Saturday, March 16th, at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are requested. Call Dana Henry at 789-0684.

The price for seniors is \$6; for all others, \$7. All proceeds from the supper will go towards the purchase of a new dishwasher for the church kitchen.

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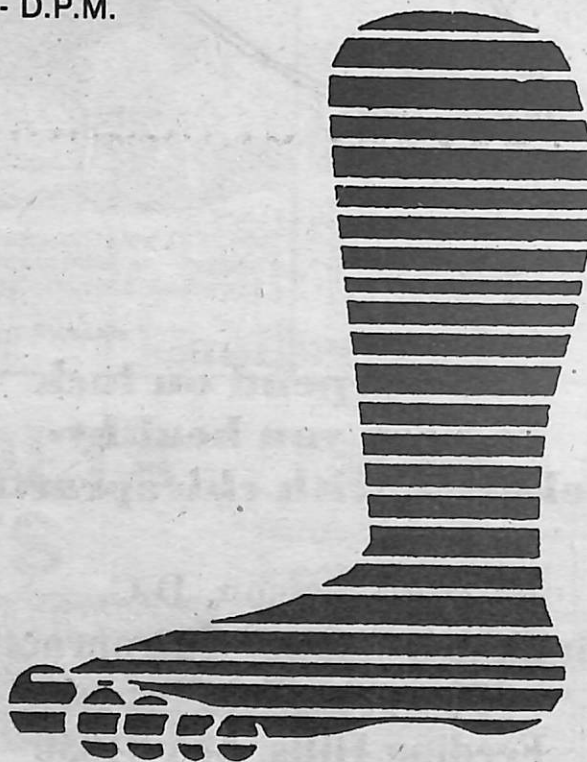
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## Church News - continued...

Timeless Truth  
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by Roger Martin, Pastor  
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Of The Bible  
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The Dilemma Of  
Seeking Humility

Someone has said that humility is the quality that "when you know you have it, you've lost it." It reminds me of the story of the man whose club gave him a pin honoring his humility, and they took it away when he wore it! In a strange way, it almost seems improper to pursue humility, but that is exactly what God wants His children to do, and He tells us how.

In Philippians 2:3-8, God gives us the **altitude**, the **action**, and the **example** of humility: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature, God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!"

In **attitude**, humility is putting others before yourself. It isn't berating yourself, or broadcasting your failures; it is lifting others up. The opposite attitude is conceit, thinking ourselves superior to others. Most of us find ourselves looking for little points of comparison with others that reveal our "superiority": athletic skills, our kid's behavior, beauty, job, money, background, social graces, etc.

The truth is that we are all equal before God. We are all sinners in need of His grace; we are all people for whom Christ died. As believers, when we understand this truth, it frees us to lift others up. We don't need to show ourselves superior, because we know who we are before God. So lifting others up in importance is not threatening like it used to be.

If the attitude of humility is lifting others up, the **action** of humility is serving the needs of others as we do our own. My tendency is to always be looking out for my needs first. Humility makes the needs of others a priority. A humble person is a servant. There is no action that is "beneath" a servant. Is there any service that is "beneath" us?

"If I serve others first," you may be thinking, "how will my needs be met? What joy is there in serving?" The beauty of this is that in a relationship or community where there is humility, others are meeting my needs as theirs. The joy comes in this. My needs are being met without me having to negotiate, or threaten, or manipulate. My needs are met, not by force, but by love.

The greatest **example** of humility is Jesus Christ. Notice His attitude: Though he was in nature God, it did not keep him from lowering Himself to become a man. He didn't grasp at glory. He not only came to our world as a man, but as a servant; a poor carpenter's son who came to serve rather than be served. Why? Because he valued us before Himself.

In **action**, he submitted himself to death, even a criminal's death, because it would pay the penalty for your sin and mine. Jesus declared that there was no price too great to pay so that our greatest need would be met. His humility opened the door of forgiveness to all who will receive His gift of eternal life.

If you have yet to receive the forgiveness he offers by trusting Him and giving Him your life, your greatest need is to **trust** Him. If you have become a child of God through faith, you need to **imitate** His attitude and His servant actions. It turns out that humility is possible after all!

News & Notes From  
Sacred Heart Church

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are looking for students to be part of our **Special Liturgy** on Sunday, March 17th, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

We need **readers** and **gift bearers**. If you are interested, contact Alma Benton, 786-9835, or Beth O'Neill at 786-0158.

## YOUTH GROUP

The monthly Youth Group meeting was changed from March 3rd to March 17th. The meeting will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Are you thinking Spring? Hopefully, the weather will soon be spring-like and as you go through your spring clothes, remember the **Rummage Sale**.

The sale will be held in the Parish Center on **Thursday, April 18th**. We would be happy to take any spring or summer clothes you no longer want, just please be sure that they are **clean** and **wearable**.

You will be able to drop them off at the Parish Center the weekend before the sale, **time to be announced later**. Also, we will be collecting items for the **White Elephant Room** - here is the place to get rid of all that "clutter" around the house. Keep a box handy as you do your spring cleaning and put the "clutter" in it.

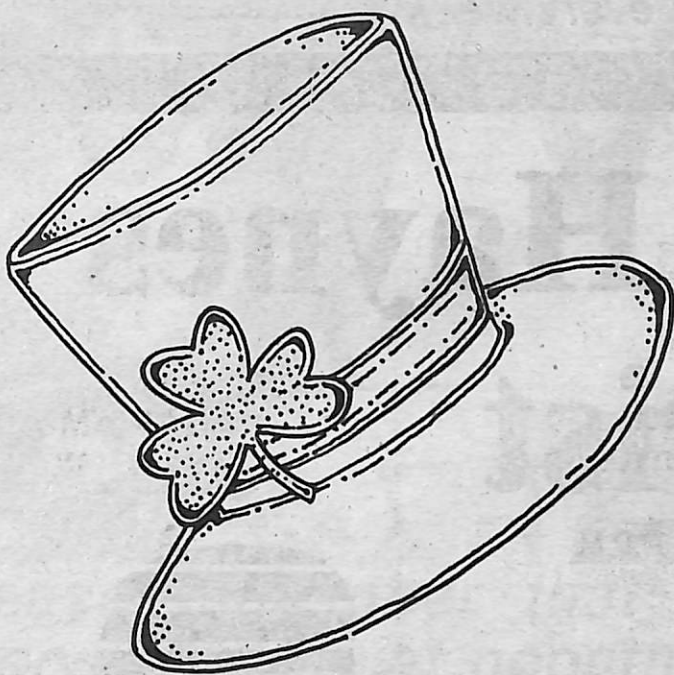
**Would you like to help at the RUMMAGE SALE?** Call 786-4966, leave your name and telephone number, and we will get back to you.

## OPEN PANTRY

Our monthly collection for the **Open Pantry** of Agawam/West Springfield will be held this weekend, March 16th and 17th. Needed are: *baby food, formula, baby cereals, baby shampoo*; also needed: cereal, tuna fish, canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins.

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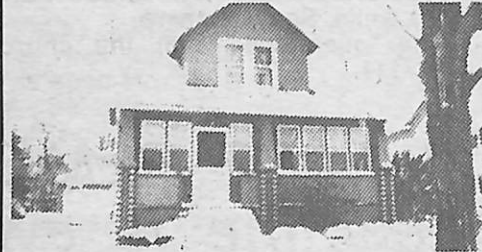
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## Church News - continued...

Weekly Calendar From  
Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, March 17th, is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. At the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "A Healing of the Heart," taken from the text: John 9:1-12.

The Children's Message will be "Things That Last." The Heifer Project continues through to Sunday, March 24th; when all monies collected are dedicated.

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The joint Lenten Series with the Feeding Hills Congregational Church entitled "Faith Over Fear - A Lenten Journey" continues on Sunday nights at 7:15 p.m.

On Sunday, March 17th, it will move to the Agawam Congregational Church for the following three weeks. Rev. Rob Donaldson and Rev. Curt Fuller will lead the series of song, prayer, meditation, and discussion. Childcare will be provided.

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The 456 CLUB has been revived! All fourth through sixth graders are welcome to join in on all the fun and activities.

Meetings will be held each Friday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., beginning March 15th. Advisors for this revived group are Charlene Trombley and Delores Martin.

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A New Member Class will begin this Thursday, March 14th, at 7:30 p.m., and another class will be held on Saturday, March 16th, at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone wishing to join the church is welcome to attend. Call the church office at 786-7111 for more info.

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Country Line Dancing will begin this Friday, March 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Let "Millie and the Gang" teach you all your favorite country dances.

The cost is \$20 pre-paid at the door, or \$5 each week at the door for the five-week session.

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On Monday, March 25th, at 9:15 a.m., a planning meeting for the One Day Vacation Bible Camp (to be held on Friday, April 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) will take place in the Crib Room at the church.

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Get ready for spring! The Annual Spring Festival, sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society, will be held on Saturday, March 30th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come on down and browse through the "Garden Gate" filled with flower decor, or the "Nutmeg Bakery" and treat yourself to the homemade baked goods.

Try our "Daffodil Lunch Cafe" for rest and refreshment. Enjoy a chicken salad plate, ham and potato salad, or seafood roll with lemon delight or fresh fruit for dessert, with coffee, tea, or milk for a beverage.

Other booths include: "The Country Craft Shop," "The Cutting Edge," "Clothesline Boutique," "Candy Cupboard," "This 'N That," "Attic Treasures," "Eleanor's Magic Needle," and a "Young Adult & Youth Booth."

Don't forget your raffle tickets for a very special handcrafted prize. So ... come for an hour or stay for a while. See you there.

Any questions? Call the church office at 786-7111.

Discussing Lent At  
Ag. United Methodist

For this Lenten season, those of us who meet on Monday evenings at Agawam United Methodist Church, have been sharing our thoughts on the Gospel of John, especially as it relates to our understanding of the Incarnate Word.

In the first place, the writer follows a style that is familiar to most writers. He has a beginning, a body or middle, and an ending—often referred to as The Prologue, His Gospel or argument, and The Epilogue.

The Prologue is contained in chapter I: verses 1-14. It is here that John announces the Gospel. A simple definition of Gospel is Good News.

For him it is important that people know who is the originator of good news, and for whom it is intended. Of course, in the process of announcing all this, John has the most startling information for us. He says the original message and the messenger are one and the Same.

God sends the word, but the word is God himself who comes in the midst of all human history. As such, human beings are made and wound up as a clock to go on ticking till the chain runs out, doing just what he/she is programmed to do, in the process.

What we understand is that God himself intervenes as He enters human history. This intervention is an appeal not merely to what is automatic about the human being, but to his ability to think and to make choices that are life-shaping.

In The Prologue, John talks about "The Word" and its creativity. God uttered His voice and, as some writers tell us, the word became creative acts. References to the act of creating as seen in Genesis tell of the activity of God both in creating and recreating what He has created.

God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God said that there should be day and night, heaven and earth, land and sea, sun and moon, vegetables and animals, and finally, human beings; and, according to John, all these happened because from the beginning, "The Word" is basic to God's nature and has now become creature.

Well, of course, the paradox goes on and on as the infinite expressed itself in the finite, or as the eternal is imagined in the temporal. When Jesus is seen touching lepers and healing them or raising the dead, etc., the human reaction is, "What manner of man is this?" And, on one particular occasion, we add that even the winds and the waves obey him!

As the Lenten season continues, we at the Agawam United Methodist Church invite you to join us in our study of John on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

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On Sunday, March 17th, worship begins at 9:30 a.m. It will be our special day of the month with the children in the sanctuary.

On other Sundays, children meet in Sunday School assembly. They are familiarized with the teaching of the church and are taught its relevance to everyday life and behavior.

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Following worship this Sunday, the United Methodist women will meet at the church.

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Other activities for the Lenten season will be held as has been already mentioned in previous issues of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

News & Notes From  
F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for children and adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Children are then welcome to attend the worship service with their parents at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will preach a sermon entitled "Even In the Valley." Nursery care will be provided.

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The Ladies Benevolent Society will meet on Monday, March 18th, at 1:00 p.m. Hostesses will be Beverly Humiston, Rose McCobb, and Doris Kellogg.

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A pair of clip-on sunglasses was lost in the church. If you found them, please call the office at 786-5061.

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The weekly Lenten Series "Faith Over Fear" continues this week at 7:15 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church on March 17th, 24th, and 31st. Call 786-5061 for more information.

It is not too late to join us for discussion, meditation, song, and prayer as we make our way through the holy and meaningful season of Lent.

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The Stewardship and Missions Board will be sponsoring the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, March 17th. Our offering dollars will be used to combat famine, disease, and illiteracy in more than 70 countries, including the United States.

Our money supports long-term development and assists some of the world's 17 million refugees, half of whom are children. Envelopes may be found in the pews during morning worship on Sunday, or a check may be mailed to the church office: FHCC, P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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On the calendar this week:  
**Sunday, March 17th:** 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 10:00 a.m., Service of Worship; One Great Hour of Sharing Collection; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Youth Group Annual Meeting; 7:15 p.m., Lenten Series continues at Agawam Congregational Church.

**Monday, March 18th:** 1:00 p.m., LBS; 7:30 p.m., Ad Hoc Organizational Committee; OF Dinner Theatre rehearsal.

**Tuesday, March 19th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Building Committee.

**Wednesday, March 20th:** 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Big E Committee; 7:45 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

**Saturday, March 23rd:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Rapha Treatment Workshop; 5:00 p.m., Mercer/Keene wedding.

Dominican Nuns Slate  
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The monthly hour of prayer and song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' monastery chapel in West Springfield on Sunday, March 18th, at 4:00 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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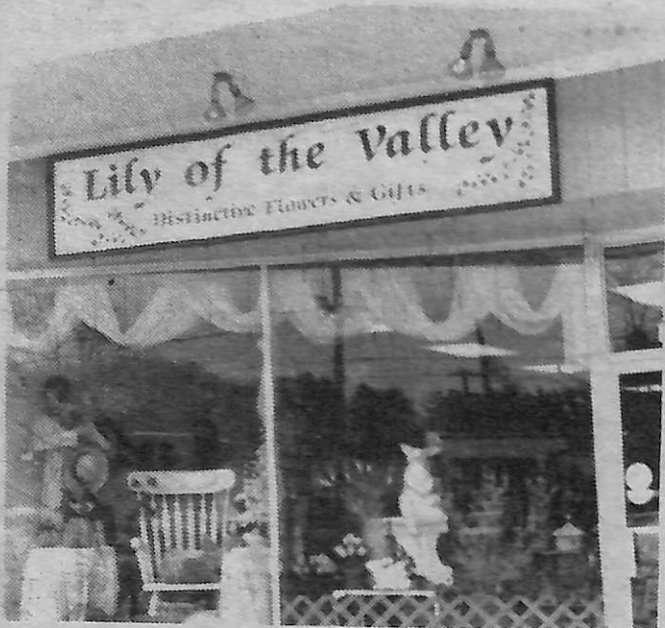
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## Spotlight On Business



**LILY OF THE VALLEY** is located at 303 Springfield Street, O'Brien's Corner. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Lily Of The Valley Celebrating 2nd Year At O'Brien's Corner

Marking its second year in business on March 7th at O'Brien's Corner on 303 Springfield Street was **Lily of the Valley (Song 2:1) Distinctive Flowers & Gifts**, owned and operated by the husband and wife team of Roger & Mariann Bishop.

Mariann's love of flowers and the arts came from her mother of Italian heritage, Louise Bonfitto, and her entrepreneurial drive came from her father, Ed Barkett, founder of the famous **White Hut Restaurant** in West Springfield.

#### Went Into The Flower Business

After working in the family business for many years, Mariann left to work at Small's Flowers in Springfield. From there she worked at East Longmeadow House of Flowers and continued to learn the flower business.

Roger, a veteran of the army, had been a self-employed carpenter and home remodeler. When Mariann decided to leave the House of Flowers, she and Roger had no intention of opening a store of their own but decided to give it a go when they found the O'Brien's Corner location available.

After much thought and prayer, the renovations began to achieve the desired atmosphere. The store is decorated in an assortment of antique furniture. Soothing classical music or even opera greets patrons (as well as "Lily" the cat). The Bishops frequent flea markets, family attics, and antique stores for interesting pieces for display and sale at **Lily of the Valley**.

"We realized that just having a florist business wouldn't be enough to compete so we started filling the store with an eclectic choice of gift items," Mariann said.

The gifts range from vintage linens to sachets and French aromatic bath oils and soaps. Also found are Scented Pilgrim Candles and "suitable for framing" Marian Heath Greeting Cards. There are birdhouses and decorative Terra Cotta and



**THE HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM** of Roger & Mariann Bishop are celebrating their second year in business as owners of **Lily of the Valley (Song 2:1) Distinctive Flowers & Gifts** and have a truly wonderful shop located at 303 Springfield Street, Agawam. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



wire wear. Old books, prints, and frames are also on display.

"Of course," Mariann added, "fresh flowers are our mainstay. Whether it be a funeral, birthday celebration accented with balloons, get-well bouquet with a sachet, or a stuffed animal with flowers for a newborn, there's nothing as refreshing or special as flowers as a gift."

Mariann also offers a personalized service for brides to create a most memorable wedding day with their own signature style (appointments are recommended).

The Bishops decorated the White Glove Caterers wedding tent at the Big E Bridal Expo as well as decorated cakes for the Cerrato's Pastry display at the Chez Josef wedding show. Mariann keeps a photo portfolio of fresh and silk ar-

rangements to help patrons in their choices.

The Bishops also have ready-made artificial and dried floral displays to choose from in the store. But Mariann specializes in custom pieces to enhance home decor as well as businesses, churches, schools, and offices. These range from Victorian styles to contemporary.

Roger does the deliveries and builds the custom window mirrors, windowboxes, and birdhouses.

**Lily of the Valley** delivers all over the Greater Springfield area, including Suffield and Enfield. The business is open Mondays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sundays at holiday time only. Evening appointments are available for brides and for families who need funeral work.

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Why do some homes sit on the market for months while others sell within 60 to 90 days? Frustrated sellers and real estate agents will blame a bad market, while a real estate professional will tell you that many times, a slow sale is often attributed to the listing price, marketing plan, and potential buyers' first impression of your home.

If a home is over-priced, buyers will stay away. But if the home is competitive with similar homes in the area and "shows" better than the competition, it will have a better chance of being sold quickly.

The secret is perfecting a technique that's as American as apple pie; **comparative shopping**.

Although comparing houses with different styles, square-footages, and location is challenging, real estate professionals still feel it's one of the best methods to use when determining a home's market value.

A professional real estate agent will effectively evaluate a home's worth through a process known as **COMPARATIVE MARKETING EVALUATION (CME)**.

Taking a look at assets, such as a sun room, bigger than normal living spaces, a fantastic view, adjacent to city parks and other attractions, the agent will begin to compare your home with similar properties, called "comparable" that have sold in the area within the last six months. Typically, the agent is able to recommend a realistic price range that will ensure top dollar at a reasonable price.

However, factors such as the amount of time needed to sell your home can alter the agent's price recommendation dramatically.

Typically, real estate agents will review recent sales in your community to determine the average market time for all listings. Professional real estate sales associates will explain to you that the marketing "norms" vary with prices and properties.

Based on this criteria, the agent should feel confident that he or she will be able to sell your home for a price that both you and the buyer will be happy with. However, if you are under time restraints because of unexpected job changes or moving agreements you've made on another property, this will narrow your chances of selling your home for top dollar in the market.

Assuming you have sufficient time to market your home, here are the steps most professional agents will take to finding the right price for your property...

The best comparison can be made with similar homes that have been sold within the last 90 days as opposed to the standard six months. Any longer and other factors, such as the economy, could cloud the view of how much your home is really worth.

Another good bench mark that is used, is to review selling prices of homes that have just sold and are pending closing. Most Multiple Listing Services (MLS) provide information on deals pending that most professional real estate agents have access to and will share with you.

A professional real estate agent will make eight to 10 comparisons of comparable properties within a three-mile radius of your home before setting a recommended selling price. When your agent has completed their evaluation, you and your agent can feel comfortable that the price you've selected is a good gauge of the home's worth and won't discourage qualified buyers.

Being open and honest about what you see as your home's greatest strengths and biggest weakness will also help your agent get a better feel for how to best evaluate or assess and market your home. Think of your home as if you were the buyer. If your home is listed at the right price and shows well, you're on your way to a speedy and fruitful sale.

(John Schuler is the Broker/Owner of CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., located at 820 Suffield Street, Agawam [413-789-1117].)

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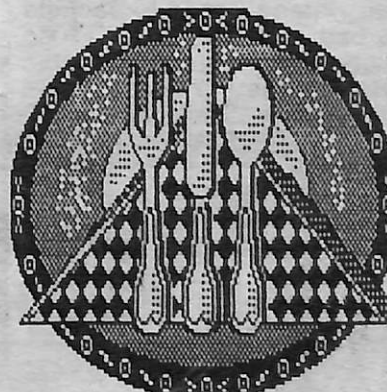


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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

### Riverside's Job Fair...



HELPING TO COORDINATE the Annual Job Fair at Riverside Park last month included, from left - Peggy Webb, personnel administrator; Jason Freeman, director of General Services; and Kate Korner, director of operations. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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RIVERSIDE PARK employees taking job applications for the 1996 season at last month's Job Fair included Angela Blocher, Lynn Oakes, and Carolyn Fiestler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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ROBIN OLDREAD, DANIEL FIALA, and GEMMA HART-JONES were all taking applications from prospective employees at the Annual Job Fair sponsored by Riverside Park last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ROBERT MOLTA, president of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta, presents the "Top Producer For 1995" award in the Agawam office to Kathy Rose.

### Kathy Rose Named Top Agawam Producer For Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta

Robert P. Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan and Molta, issued the following press release this week:

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"During the year of 1995, Kathy Rose's commitment to the exceptional service resulted in ranking her the Top Producer in our Agawam office for 1995.

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WILLIAM N. BEAUDRY

### Hampden Savings Names William Beaudry To Post

Thomas R. Burton, president of Hampden Savings Bank, recently announced the appointment of William N. Beaudry as Manager of the Longmeadow branch office.

Beaudry, who resides in Agawam, will be responsible for all operations at the 475 Longmeadow Street location, including customer service, loan origination, personnel management, and security.

He was formerly customer service supervisor for Webster Bank in Waterbury, Connecticut, and a branch manager of Vanguard Savings Bank in Holyoke as well as a branch manager of Springfield Institution for Savings.

A native of West Springfield, Beaudry holds Associate of Science degrees in Business Administration and in Data Processing from Springfield Technical Community College. He has completed courses in Business Administration and Accounting at Western New England College and has attended many continuing education programs for Management and Supervision.

### Mortal Combat Demo At Hwang's School



HWANG'S SCHOOL OF TAE KWON-DO in Feeding Hills was visited by one of the black belt characters who starred in last Friday night's MORTAL COMBAT touring show at the Springfield Civic Center. The children were told that the show was for demonstration purposes and that the martial arts were for building sound minds and bodies, and for self-defense only. Children and parents who attended were delighted with the session and some attended last Friday night's show. Students in the photos above are Jeff Surprenant and Crystal Bianco. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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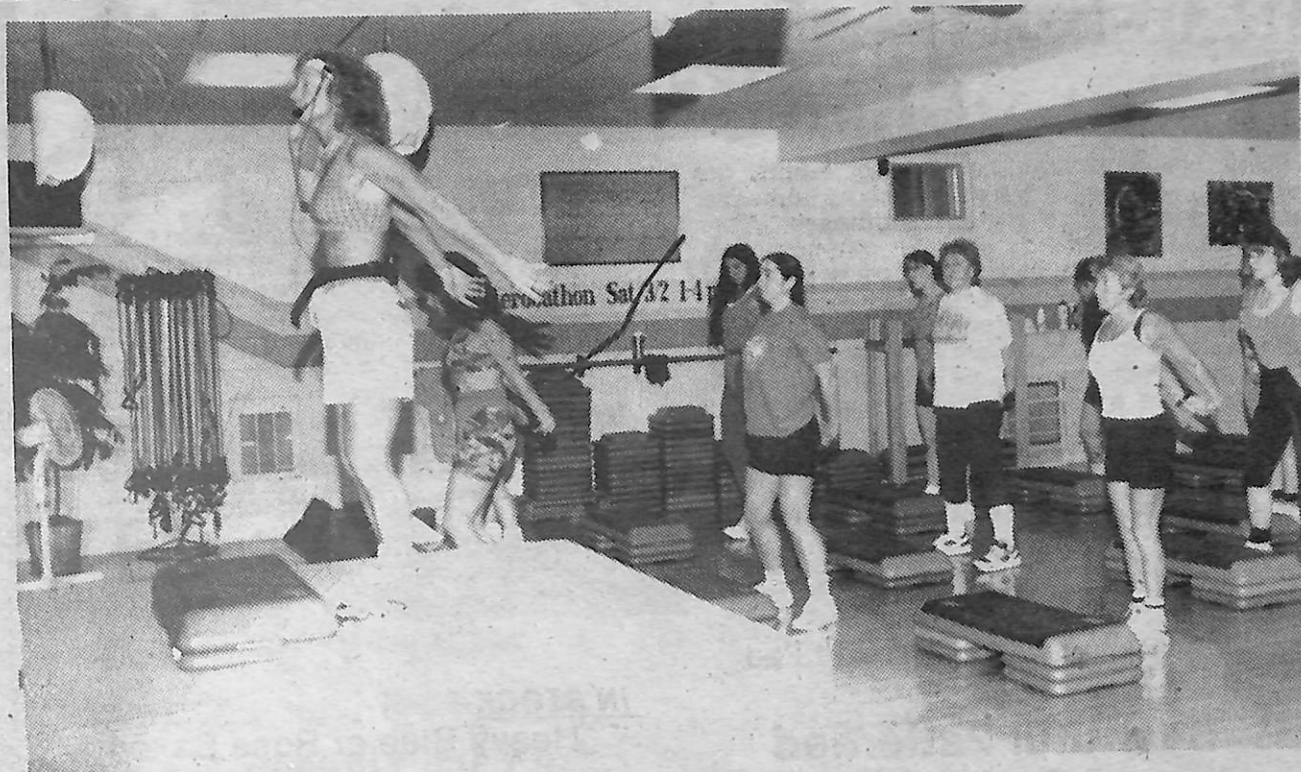
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# For Your Health



AN AEROBATHON was part of the festivities at Fitness First on Saturday, March 2nd, to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Fitness First Raises Over \$15,000 For Children's Miracle Network At Baystate

This month, Fitness First held its seventh annual Racquetball Tournament and Aerobathon to benefit the Children's Miracle Network at Baystate Medical Center.

Kurt Welker, owner of Fitness First, stated that the club raised over the \$15,000 goal the club set for itself this year. This amount brings Fitness First's total amount of money raised for the local charity to over \$76,000! Thanks go to staff,

members, and local businesses who helped contribute to this great cause.

The amount that Fitness First's staff and members raised gives the Children's Miracle Network a tremendous boost in their efforts to reach this year's goal of \$500,000!

Fitness First sends heartfelt thanks to all the people and businesses who helped make this year's event the success it was.

## Osteoporosis Lecture & Luncheon At Agawam Medical Center On April 9th

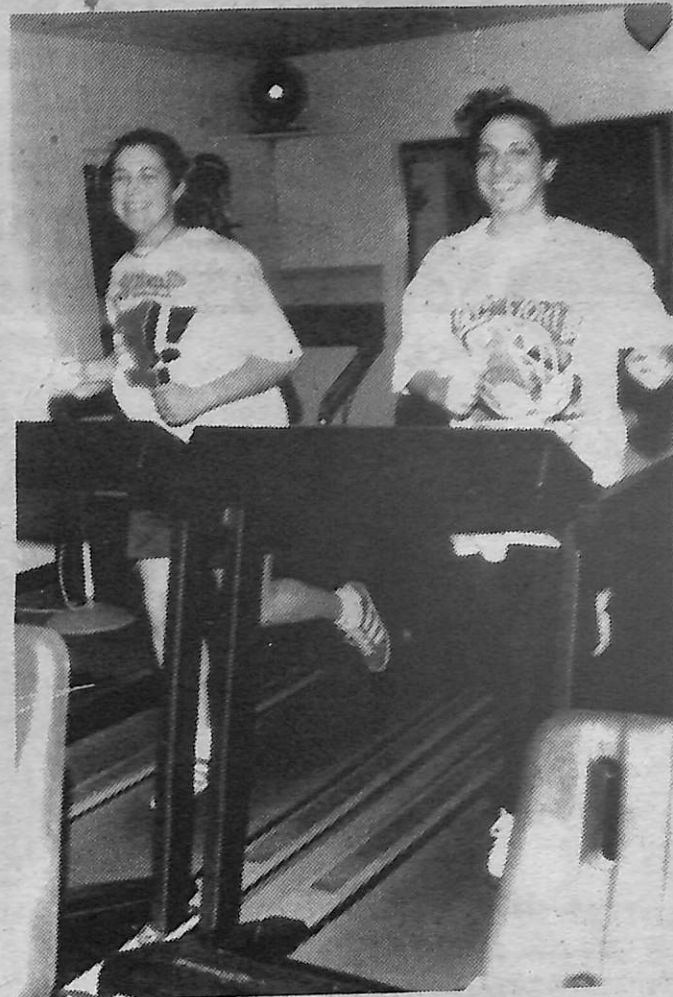
Osteoporosis and associated fractures can rob you of your mobility and independence. Osteoporosis is a disease that reduces the strength of your bones, causing them to become brittle and prone to fractures.

Approximately 50 percent of women over the age of 50 have osteoporosis and are at risk of an osteoporosis-related fracture. A woman's risk of hip fracture alone is equal to the combined risk of developing breast, uterine, and ovarian cancer, and up to 20 percent of victims who suffer hip fractures die within one year of the fracture.

Fortunately, today there are ways to address

osteoporosis. Dr. Franklyn H. Carrington is pleased to announce a luncheon and lecture at the Agawam Medical Center, 163 Silver Street, on Tuesday, April 9, 1996 at 12:30 p.m. to give women, in particular, a more complete understanding of how osteoporosis may impact their lives. He will present the most current information on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of this "silent disorder."

To attend the April 9th luncheon and learn more about osteoporosis, RSVP at 786-7217 or 786-4700. Registration is limited to 50. Support for this program is provided by Merck & Co., Inc.



JILL DEMARCO and LINDA ROY enjoy the treadmills at Fitness First to help with the Children's Miracle Network fundraiser on March 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Mothers' Support At Health Center At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital offers a free New Mothers' Support Group for moms with babies up to six months old. The next meetings will be March 27th and April 10th, 10:30-11:30 a.m., in the hospital conference room.

Judy Hatch, R.N., I.B.L.C., facilitates the meetings, which provide information on topics including newborn care, infant feeding, parenting, and postpartum concerns. Mothers are encouraged to bring their babies.

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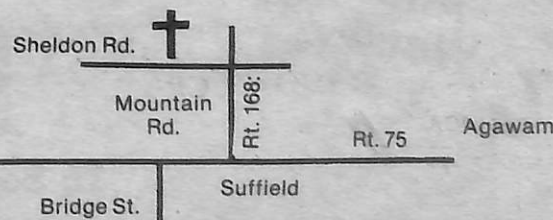
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## For Your Health - continued...



### Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph  
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### Back Exercises

Patients under care for lower back pain or neck pain often become concerned about the possibility of the pain returning. Among other things, it seems I'm inevitably asked about exercises that might help.

Undertaking any exercise program with the intention of improving a spine related condition should first consider some basic concerns.

How serious is the underlying problem? Recovering from an acute low back strain would suggest a certain strategy for strengthening muscles. Attempting to rehabilitate ligaments involved in a more serious sprain or a disc lesion with the same exercises might be injurious rather than helpful.

What is the age of the patient and their general physical condition? As we age, our physiology changes and so do our exercise requirements. While youthful athletes bounce back from injury to handle heavy free weights to improve explosive strength and stamina, middle age or senior individuals should consider lighter weights or a supervised program at a local health club.

Whatever your age or condition, some type of exercise is advised. I once had a wise spinal anatomy instructor that used to say, "What you don't use, you lose." The truth of this statement is seen time and time again in a variety of ways in the human body.

Muscle tone is, of course, the most obvious. Without regular exercise, the muscles reduce in size and weaken. But even bone density (bone strength) begins to disappear with lack of physical exertion. I'm always pleased at the healthier appearance of the skeletal system, as visualized on x-ray, in senior citizens who remain physically active compared to those who don't or are unable. What a wonderful, natural way to combat osteoporosis. **REGULAR EXERCISE!** This applies to people of all ages.

When you have a spinal problem, whether the neck, mid-back, or low back is involved, it is wise to keep one thing in mind before you begin an exercise program. Spine problems often become worse with exercise! My job as a chiropractic physician is to improve spinal structure and function. Then exercise becomes beneficial rather than detrimental.

If you shy away from weights and exercise equipment, my advice is to find a place to swim and then do so on a regular basis. You can't beat this activity for overall muscle conditioning, especially those that surround and support your spine.

If symptoms arise following exercise, a chiropractic examination is advised. Call **SCHLAFLER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE**, 192 Shoemaker Lane, (413) 789-1369. We care about you!

## Providence Hospital Offers Support Group For New Mothers

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## Bone Marrow Drive On March 15th To Benefit Katelynn Battista Of WS

Every year, children and young adults are diagnosed with blood diseases such as leukemia, aplastic anemia, and hodgkin's disease. When conventional treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation fail, these patients are forced to resort to a bone marrow transplant.

Katelynn Battista is a fourth grader from West Springfield who suffers from an aggressive form of leukemia. Katelynn's hope is to find a suitable donor to have a bone marrow transplant which could completely cure her disease.

The HLA Registry foundation is currently working with Katelynn Battista's family, in registering as many people as possible. A Bone Marrow Drive to benefit Katelynn and others waiting for a suitable donor will be held Friday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at two locations: Medical West Centers in Chicopee (off the Mass. Pike, Chicopee Exit, take a left); and at the Medical West Associates, Springfield Health

Center/Administrative Conference, 305 Bicentennial Hwy., Springfield.

By registering to become a potential bone marrow donor, you will not only be helping Katelynn, but other patients who are on the HLA registry waiting to find a match.

Please spend 10 minutes of your day to help give "the gift of life" to Katelynn and many other children who are in need of a transplant.

The requirements to register are simple: you must be in good health and between the ages of 18 and 60; you must be willing to give two tablespoons of blood for analysis; you must be willing to allow the results of your test to be added to a national database.

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## For Your Health - continued...



## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Growing Kids: A Weighty Issue

The timeless axiom that children learn best by example may carry more weight than we realize—literally.

Just as studies indicate obesity is steadily increasing among American adults, recent research shows that pre-teens and adolescents are putting on pounds, too.

According to the International Food Information Council, surveys show obesity among six to 17 year-olds more than doubled between 1988 and 1991.

Richard P. Troiano, Ph.D., R.D., and colleagues at the National Center For Health Statistics studied 2,290 children and compared their results with earlier surveys. They found that during the 1960's and 1970's, the prevalence of overweight generally was steady among adolescence and rose slowly in children. But the greatest increase in overweight prevalence occurred between the mid-1970's and the early 1990's.

Troiano noted that overweight may be a part of normal growth, as young adolescents experience rapid changes that require time for their bodies to adjust. But he also warns of the long-term prospects.

"Although some overweight youths will lose their excess weight as they mature and develop," said Troiano, "many may go on to become overweight adults."

Total calorie and fat intake of children varied little across the years. So it seems kids simply need to get moving. The researchers concluded, "Attempts to increase physical activity for children and adolescents may be a promising avenue in this effort."

Kids lead a much more sedentary life than ever before. They don't have the opportunity or the interest in playing and being active. Parents need to encourage kids to walk away from the computers, video games, and TV sets.

Teach children to spend part of the day playing games that require movement. Make exercise fun. Play ping pong, go roller skating, walk through the mall, or simply dance and act crazy to your favorite music.

When kids say there is nothing to do, pull out our "Fun Ways To Fitness" list.

Well, it's time for me to get away from this computer, stop exercising just my fingers, and get my minimum daily requirement of activity right now.

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## Living Well

by Rick Hersom  
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### No Pain, No Gain? No Way!

While exercise is important for everyone, certain groups of people are at a higher risk for injury:

1. New exercisers not in tune with their bodies' signals.

2. Experienced exercisers who ignore those signals in order to excel.

3. Athletes that perform repetitive tasks.

Here are some tips to help avoid pain:

1. Check with your doctor before starting an exercise program, and start your program with the help of a fitness professional (someone with a degree in a related field, or a major certification [AFAA, ACSM, ACE], and experience).

2. If something feels wrong while you're exercising, or if it hurts, STOP! Do not try to work through the pain.

3. Start every session with a warm up, and finish with a cool down and some stretching.

4. Cyclists and runners are subject to knee, ankle, and foot problems. Make sure you cross train (do other activities such as the stair machine, swim, or row). This will help to give certain muscles a rest and work others.

5. Swimmers generate three-fourths of their power from their arms. This places tremendous strain on the shoulders. Make sure to change strokes, work your legs more, and cross train.

6. If you use a stair machine, your posture is very important. Do not hunch over, or lean on the front of the machine (or lock your arms). Your legs are supposed to be doing the work, not your arms or back.

Remember that by incorporating different cardiovascular and strength training activities, you can make the most efficient program. Never focus your energies on one activity. Pain does not mean gain.



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### The Effects Of Overweight

A 1994 survey of America's diet by the Agriculture Department reveals some interesting trends. Compared to a similar survey done seven years earlier, Americans are:

- eating less fat but consuming more calories

- consuming four times as many snack items such as chips, popcorn, etc.

- small children are drinking less milk, but more non-citrus juices, as well as more soft drinks

- we are eating more dark green vegetables, but less of the deep yellow variety

- the percentage of Americans overweight by government standards has gone from 22.2 to 30.1

Overweight not only increases spinal problems, but adds greatly to the increase of heart disease, hypertension, circulatory disorders, and many others. Obesity, or overweight, is not confined to adults, but is increasing in children.

Doctors at John Hopkins University studying over 1,000 men note that those overweight as young adults will increase their risk for hip and knee arthritis by as much as three times later in life. The study, published by the Arthritis Foundation, finds that as little as 20 extra pounds will double the incidence of weightbearing joint disorders in later years.

Take control of your life—eat right and exercise to maintain optimum health for the present and the future!

If you are interested in learning more about chiropractic, Dr. Nelson offers a complimentary health care class which answers many questions you may have. Our next scheduled class will be on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Please call our office at 786-4820 to reserve a space.

**Dr. Nelson is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the above number.**

### La Leche League To Hold March 18th Mtg.

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators, and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The third of a series of four meetings will be held on Monday, March 18th, at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. "Motherhood Stress" will be the topic discussed.

The league offer mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual THE WOMANLY ART OF BREASTFEEDING. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

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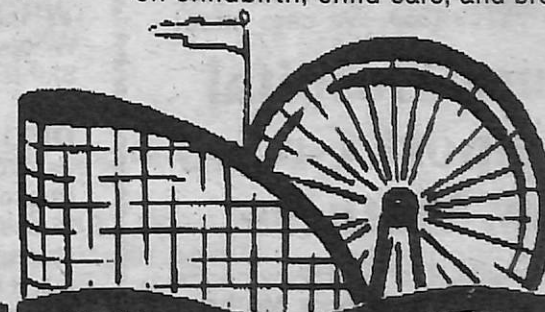
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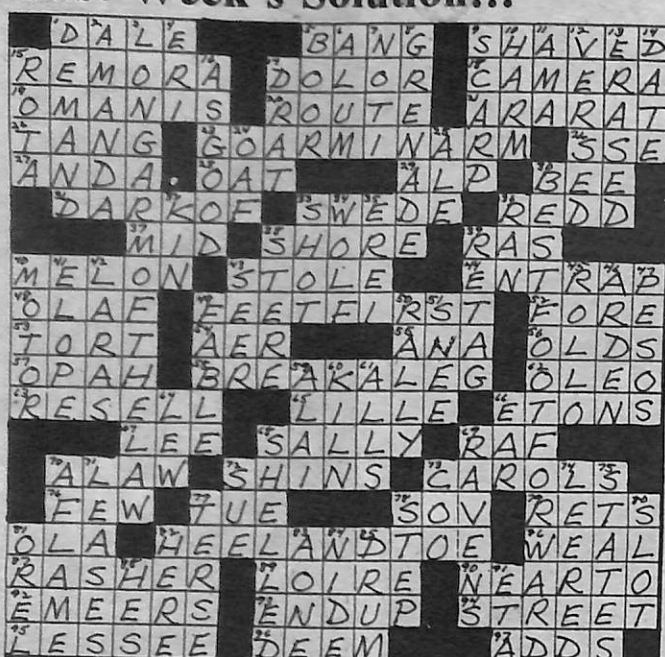


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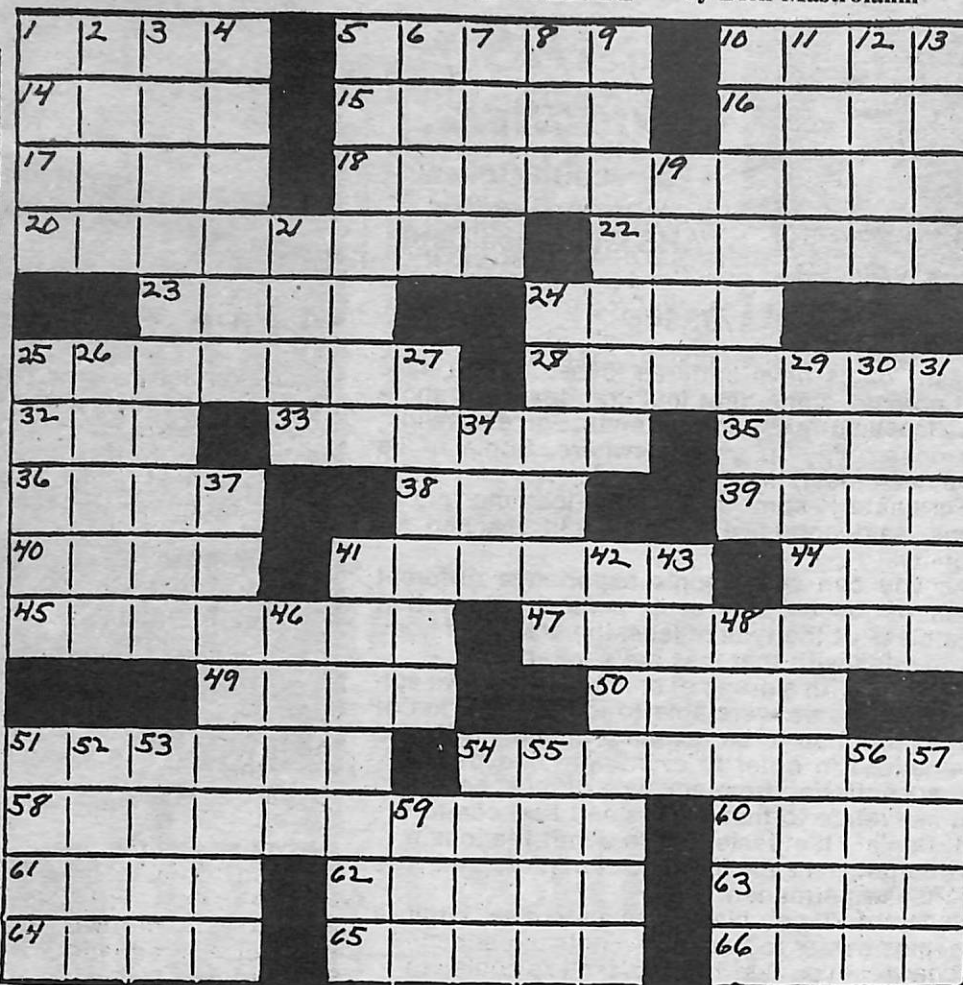
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## Last Week's Solution...



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- 8 Ply a needle
- 9 Paul or Peter
- 10 Rationalizers
- 11 Laughter sounds
- 12 Sandusky's water-front
- 13 "Sales —" (agents)
- 19 Actor's plum
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- 27 Pines for
- 29 Flowers used for oil
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- 41 Mod gone bad?
- 42 Rural farming clubs
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- 46 Chinese letter
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- 52 Regretted
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- 57 New Haven Univ.
- 59 Rifleman's assoc.

## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



## "The Indian in the Cupboard" To Be Shown At Agawam Library March 16th

Join the staff of the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m., for "The Indian in the Cupboard," a magical and touching film version of the popular book by the same name.

Bring your own sit-upons and snacks will be provided. PLEASE NOTE: TOYS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE DURING DESIGNATED LIBRARY PLAYGROUPS.

Please call the library at 789-1550 or stop by at 750 Cooper Street to register.

## Mr. "Papa" C Live At Southwick High

CH Recording Artist Mr. "Papa" C will be appearing live in concert with the band "Peace by Peace" on Tuesday, March 19th, at the Southwick High School Auditorium.

The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m., and tickets are \$5 each. For tickets and/or more information, call Steve at 786-0223 or Southwick High School at 569-6171.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the Southwick Music Department.

(This concert was originally scheduled for Thursday, March 7th, but was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

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## Education



### AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen  
Acting Director  
AHS Guidance Dept.

#### Losses

Many of us have suffered losses. Some have lost parents, some have lost grandparents, some have lost boyfriends or girlfriends. Some have lost the opportunity to go somewhere. Some of us have been losers in a game.

Fortunately, some of us have lost the use of drugs, said good-bye to them and reached for sobriety.

As you can see, people experience different types of losses, but each person learns that regardless of the type of loss, the stages of coming to grips with that loss are similar.

Working with a group of students who have suffered losses, we were able to formulate a list of stages that had to be recognized, dealt with and internalized in order to eventually find peace. If you are suffering from any type of loss, hopefully you can relate to these steps and find comfort.

1. Denial - it's easier not to admit the loss.
2. Bargain - maybe if you do something, the loss will not be permanent.
3. Blame - if you blame someone else, the loss becomes easier to bear.
4. Anger - you feel the loss isn't fair.
5. Guilt - it must be your fault; you play the "if only" game.
6. Depression - you feel so sad, so hopeless. Sometimes, you just stop feeling, you become numb, because it hurts too much to feel. But keep pushing; you need to go through all these stages to find peace.

7. Resolution - or you could call this stage Surrender - you finally admit you suffered a loss and you're able to "let go."

8. Acceptance - before this stage, you did not admit that the loss exists; now you own the loss and realize that you can choose to accept it or not in order to get on with your life. Perhaps, at this stage, you could sit down and write a good-bye letter dealing with your loss.

As you go through these stages, many in the group suggested that you would feel a sense of confusion and that's okay, too. Be gentle with yourself. Be open to discussion and suggestion.

Remember, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The mind will heal. Remember, these stages may be altered for you, but they do afford you a guideline. Losses are a part of life; you can learn from them and grow.

### Ag. Counseling Center Sponsoring Class On Hyperactive Children

The Agawam Counseling Center will be sponsoring "Coping With Your Hyperactive Child" on Monday, March 18th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Agawam Junior High School Teacher's Cafeteria.

Featured speakers will be Steven Winn, Ph.D., Vice President for Child and Adolescent Services, Behavioral Health Network; Susan Cary, M.D., Baystate Medical Center; and Mary Frances Wall, LICSW, Agawam Counseling Center.

There is no cost. For further information, please call The Agawam Counseling Center at 786-6410.

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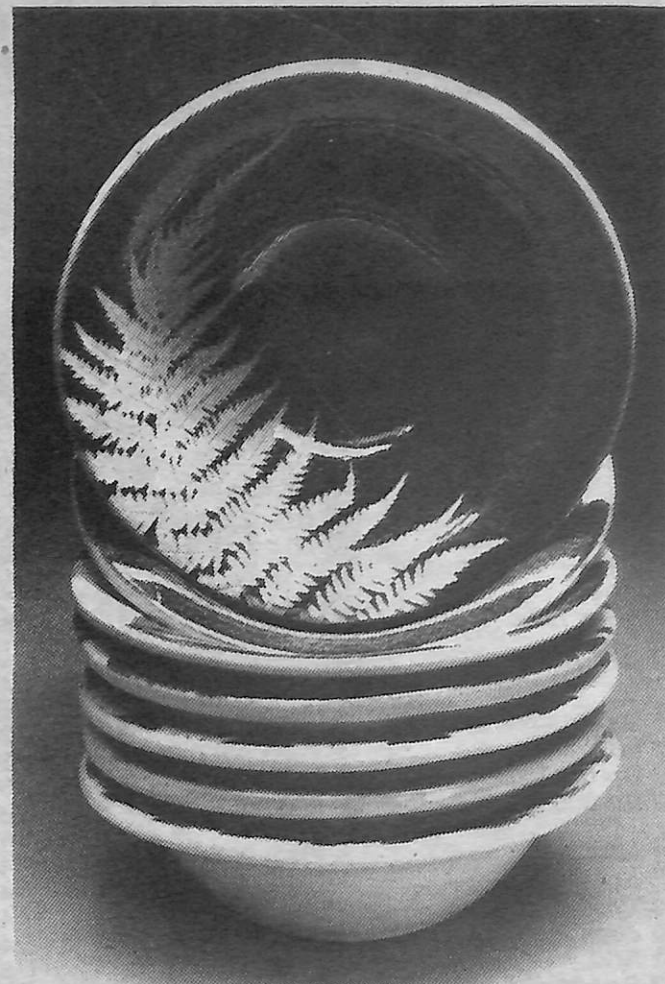
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**EVELYN SNYDER** of Kaleidoscope Pottery in Easthampton paid a visit recently to the Agawam Junior High to spark interest in pottery-making, particularly to eighth graders who may be choosing such a class at Agawam High for next September. Advertiser News (left) by Jack Devine.



## Pottery Demonstration At Jr. High Sparks Students' Interest In Art

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

As she demonstrated and explained some of the arts of her craft to students at Agawam Junior High School, Evelyn Snyder was hoping to spark that same excitement about working with clay that she first felt as a junior high student watching another potter reaching out to inspire a new generation of artisans.

"I love to teach and I love the clay. That makes it very easy to talk to the kids," Ms. Snyder said. "I hope to get other people excited by giving them a taste of clay."

As she answered the kids questions (no, there is no lead in the clay—the lead is sometimes added to the glaze to make bright colors), Ms. Snyder worked the blob of clay on her potter's wheel into a pot. For an experienced potter, the process takes about 10 minutes from blob to gracefully curved pot.

"I'm coaxing the clay into the shape I want. It doesn't take a lot of strength, but it takes a steady strength and a lot of patience," Ms. Snyder said. "Whether you have the patience is another thing."

A professional potter working at Kaleidoscope Pottery in Easthampton, Ms. Snyder also works on her own making sculptures. Working with a rolling pin and a slab of clay, Ms. Snyder showed the students how Kaleidoscope's distinctive Leafware dinnerware is made.

Using leaves collected from the countryside gives the Leafware its fossil-like look. "Just like real fossils, we're using leaves to make an impression in the clay," Ms. Snyder said.

Junior High art teacher Andrew Kraus said hav-

ing artists come to the school is like having a field trip brought to the students.

Kraus said the pottery demonstration was particularly beneficial to the eighth graders who will soon be choosing the courses they will carry as freshmen at the High School next year.

"We have an excellent pottery teacher at AHS," Kraus said. "This can be a lead-in for the kids. It's an excellent demonstration and the kids are very interested."

## Happy 15th Birthday Erin



Love,  
Mom, Dad, John, & Josh





SEAN DEVALL

## Sean Devall Named Great Ice Cube Melt Winner At Jr. High

Recently, a competition was held between classes in Room 234 at the Junior High School. Students had to design and construct a container that would keep an ice cube from melting. Recycled materials had to be used, and the container could not have been something previously made to insulate food or drink.

The winner was seventh grader Sean Devall, who managed to keep all but .4 ml of his ice cube intact. His container was made from cardboard, a bit of styrofoam packing, and mostly hay.

Tony Bosini came in a close second with only .6 ml of water melted from his ice cube.

Mrs. Shugrue thanks Milton Bradley for donating prizes.

## AHS To Compete In Berklee College's Annual Jazz Festival

Agawam High School, under the direction of Tamara J. Watson, will compete in the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 30, 1996.

The 1996 Berklee High School Jazz Festival, the largest jazz competition of its kind in the country, will feature more than 190 jazz ensembles and over 2,000 musicians from the northeastern United States and Canada.

The festival, which has provided a showcase for thousands of student musicians and educators from North America for the past 28 years, offers a competitive forum for participating ensembles and a detailed evaluation of each performance by a select group of noted professional adjudicators. Berklee faculty members will conduct the Festival's wide variety of clinics and workshops and participate in the evaluations.

Highlights of the day will include performances by the Greg Hopkins Big Band, the New England Grammy All-Star High School Band, and a student jam session, open to all festival participants.

A returning feature of the Berklee Jazz Festival is Festival Expo, an exhibit space for music-oriented manufacturers and other organizations that will give students opportunities to sample the latest instruments, accessories, and music technology.

The day's events will culminate at the Hynes Convention Center in an evening concert/competition among the finalists vying for Best Band trophies, citation plaques, and tuition scholarships amounting to \$100,000. All Jazz Festival events, including the daytime competition and the evening concert, are open to the public.

Berklee College of Music is the world's premier institution for the study of contemporary music, with a multicultural enrollment of 2,700, nearly 40 percent of whom are international students from 75 countries.

Founded in 1945, Berklee is the largest college of music in the world, with 12 majors designed to prepare musicians for a career in the multibillion-dollar global music industry.

## Pinewood Derby Held By Cub Pack 85; Winners Announced

On March 9th, Cub Scout Pack 85 held its Annual Pinewood Derby. Congratulations to all the boys who entered on their sportsmanship and craftsmanship.

This year's winners will go on to the council race at Westover A.R.B. on March 23rd. They are: Gary Parrott, first place, Webelo; Chris Costigan, second place, Bear; Keith Lehberger, third place, Webelo. Chris Cross and Brendan Struck will represent our Tiger Cubs.

Thanks to Commercial Scale of Agawam who let the boys borrow a scale to make sure their cars met weight specs.

*Best local news...*

## Sasha ZeBryk To Speak On March 23rd At Elms College

Sasha ZeBryk—an Agawam resident, a Junior Women's Club member, and President of MDZ Enterprises/The WHOLE Woman—will speak at the eighth annual Women's Spirituality Day at Elms College in Chicopee on March 23rd.

The theme for the day is "For the Health of It." Sr. Mary Dooley, of the Sisters of St. Joseph, will be the keynote speaker. ZeBryk's presentation is entitled "Living Life in Abundance!"

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Participants will have the opportunity to select from a variety of health activities including line dancing, aerobics, walking, jogging, or indoor track.

The event includes brunch, and a closing ritual will be held at 2:30 p.m. The \$25 fee includes the meal.

To register, call Sr. Mary McGeer at 592-3189, ext. 239, by March 19th.

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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, March 18th:** Steamed frankfort in roll, Boston baked beans, seasoned green beans, fresh orange wedges, milk.

**Tuesday, March 19th:** Hamburg in roll, steamed parsley rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, chocolate pudding with topping or chilled fruit cup, milk.

**Wednesday, March 20th:** Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, strawberry shortcake, milk.

**Thursday, March 21st:** Cup of orange juice, oven-baked chicken nuggets, 1/2 baked potato, seasoned diced carrots with sweet peas, wheat bread & butter, raspberry jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, March 22nd:** Veal patty parmesan sandwich, seasoned niblet corn, rosy applesauce, ice cream cup, milk.

## Jr. Women's Club Plans Essay Contest For 5th/6th Graders

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring an essay contest for all fifth and sixth grade students. We are asking students to imagine this:

*You've been given one extraordinary power by "Harry the Magnificent." What will it be, and how will you use it?*

Each essay must be a minimum of one page and not more than two; and will be judged on Creativity, Originality, Legibility, and Content. Entries must be submitted to the Middle School office no later than March 22nd.

Winners will be announced prior to April 26th. Prizes will be awarded to the students with the best essays. Rules have been sent home with all Middle School students.

Anyone wishing another copy, please call Rose Sharpe at 786-4716.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

## Kindergarten Screening For Ag. Schools Set

The Agawam Public Schools will be conducting registration and screening of children entering kindergarten in September 1996. Children who will be five (5) years of age prior to October 1st are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September.

Chapter 766, the Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, requires that each school district provide services for identifying children with special needs. Screening is not a test nor an in-depth evaluation, but an observance of how a child is growing in different areas of development.

A screening team composed of specialists, will be observing the children's development in several areas, namely: Speech, Language, Gross and Fine Motor, Behavior and Physical Development. This process will be completed during the kindergarten registration which will be held at the elementary schools.

Screening dates are as follows: Granger, March 28th and March 29th; Robinson, April 11th and April 12th; Clark, April 25th and April 26th; Phelps, May 2nd and May 3rd.

Parents who have not already contacted their neighborhood school should do so immediately. Children will be screened by appointment only.

## Parents Needed To Help With Eighth Grade Spring Dance

### WANTED!

ALL parents interested in helping out with the Agawam Junior High School's eighth grade spring dance.

An organizational meeting will be held on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at 67 Yale Avenue, Feeding Hills. Call Sue Hearn for information and directions, 789-1529.

## Ryder To Meet With PTO Chiefs & Councils

Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder would like to meet with all PTO presidents/school council co-chairs (or representative) on Wednesday, March 27, 1996 at 10:15 a.m. in the superintendent's conference room.

Scheduled for the agenda, will be six support committees: test scores; teaching-staff development; discipline; budget; posted plan book; report cards.

## Townfolk turn our pages every week



GINA FRASCO (right), director of the Perry Lane Nursery School, presents a check for \$400 to Mary Keller, director of Parks & Recreation, to be put towards new playground equipment at Perry Lane Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Perry Lane Nursery Makes Donation Towards Playground

Perry Lane Nursery School is located at Perry Lane Park. It is the little red schoolhouse located next to the pool. It has been in existence since 1987 and is run through the Town's Parks & Recreation Department.

Recently, the school participated in a fundraiser to help fund some much needed new playground equipment for the park. The children and their parents sold the popular Bargain Books and raised \$400 in the process, which was donated to the Town to help fund the park revitalization.

"We use this park and its equipment as our playground, so we wanted to put in our share to help in any way possible," said Director Gina Frasco.

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## Poetry Unit

from Room 204, Mr. Louis Spiro  
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### CATS

There are all kinds of cats—tiger cats,  
Persian cats, and Siamese cats.  
There are many other cats, these  
are only some of them.  
They are very mysterious &  
are all different colors—brown,  
black, orange & white.  
Sometimes they just sit there  
and stare at you.  
Oh! Cats are wonderful things.

Christine McGavin

I can't think of ideas,  
I can't think of rhymes,  
I can't think of words to write  
that would sound fine.  
I always get stuck when I  
try to get it right,  
I wouldn't have so much trouble  
if I didn't put up a fight!

Joe Prova and Mr. Spiro

### BIKES

A bike is like a car to me.  
A car has wheels but more than two.  
It steers and has gears you see.  
It has a motor but not like me.

Steven Dietrichsen

### TREES

Trees blow through the air  
Like hair blowing in the wind.  
Trees look like monsters in the winter.  
In the summer they look like a  
Massive bouquet of clovers.  
Winter morning they are decorated  
With blinding white snow.

Sean McKeever

### FLOWERS

Flowers, oh flowers  
How do you grow?  
If you could tell me I'd really like to know.  
What do you eat?  
It must be sweet.  
Flowers, oh flowers  
You look so neat.

Tara Swinicki

### RAIN

Rain is like a guy,  
Parachuting from a cloud stuffed sky.  
From a cloud it will lunge,  
And to the ground it will plunge.

These parachuting guys,  
Can sometimes be quite deadly.  
For when freefalling inertly,  
Manifold at a time,  
They can give people perplexities.

Michael Peetros

I was walking through the snow  
it kept coming down.  
Then it paused for one moment,  
but then it started up again  
and I didn't know what it meant  
And it didn't stop.

Kevin Wyman

### SNOW, OH HOW IT BLOWS

As I sit upon the falling snow  
I see a doe run to and fro,  
Watching snowflakes drift on snowbanks  
Oh how, Oh how, snow drifts and blows.

Corey O'Connor

### THE FLOWER

The flower felt like a soft silk  
And the water it drank is like milk.  
As it helps the flower grow  
Even in the drity snow.

And the sky it sleeps under  
Is like a big black blunder.  
As we watch the flower grow  
And our fondness we show.

I know if it was to die  
My sister would cry  
And cry and cry.

But isn't dead  
So there is no dread.

Matt Lawlor

### THE WOLF

A fierce wolf howled angrily like thunder at night.  
What was he howling at?  
Was it because the moon shown so bright?  
Or was it a dark, miserable bat?

"Why was he howling like that?"  
I wondered in fear.  
And on my gentle bed I sat,  
I hoped he wasn't near.

As I was frightened, I cried in fear  
like a newborn baby.  
My mother said soothingly, "It will be alright."  
I said, understanding, "O.K., maybe."  
I looked out the window, and he was out of sight.

Vicky Taylor

### FUN IN THE SNOW

I stood in the snow,  
Watching the snow drift,  
Far, far away in the woods.  
I ran and I ran till I got to the snow,  
And played for hours.

David Bienia

### RAIN

The rain came down last night,  
I woke up to turn on the light.  
It fell down,  
On the ground  
I thought it was a beautiful sight.

Linda Kelley

### BEAUTIFUL DAY

It was a beautiful day,  
The morning air smelled like roses,  
The sun was shining,  
All kinds of flowers were growing,  
And the jungle green grass was growing.  
As the day ends,  
The breeze gets cooler and cooler,  
As people hear animal noises,  
And kids go to sleep.

Nichole Circosta-Aspinall

### AUTUMN

A season between summer and winter,  
A season where it's a little bitter,  
A season where the leaves fall,  
A season where the kids have a ball,  
A season when the plants die,  
A season when the leaves fly,  
A season when the Big E runs,  
A season when the kids have fun!

Nicole Rheaume

### VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is a time of friendship.  
A day of happiness. A moment of joy.  
That's why I admire this special day.

You can celebrate this brilliant day  
With boxes of carmel candy,  
Bunches of rosy red flowers,  
Or a cheerful smile.

Courtney Poirier

A blooming flower is like  
the sun gradually  
progressing up the sky's walls.  
Slowly increasing day by day,  
Hour by hour, minute by minute.  
Until suddenly it disappears  
and then it arrives again.  
Slowly clutching its own rays,  
until all of a sudden it can't  
resist the pull and it collapses,  
shrivelling up like a grape turning  
into a raisin.  
Then finally it drops to the ground.

Julie Pontz

### WHEN WILL IT SNOW?

When will it snow?  
I want to know.  
I've waited so long,  
So very long.  
Snow is so cold and nice.  
Cold like ice.  
When will it snow?  
I want to know.  
Every day I wake,  
I hope to see a flake.  
I hope to see the beautiful white,  
What a magnificent sight!

Jessica Lynn Hudson

### SNOWY DAY

The snow had a glow.  
The cotton balls flowed.  
The children went down hills  
Which gave them thrills.

Peter Kingsley

### THE SUMMER DAY

The sun shines on a summer day  
With such bright, light colors and hot, reflecting  
rays.  
The children like to dance and play,  
On such a magnificent, wonderful day.  
When the girls play on the swing set's monkey  
bars  
The younger boys collect tiny insects in jars.  
Oh what a beautiful way,  
To spend on this glorious summer's day.

Katie Baum

## Local Students On Honor Roll At MacDuffie School

Local students from Feeding Hills and Agawam have been named to the Honor Roll for the second trimester of the 1995-96 school year at The MacDuffie School in Springfield.

The MacDuffie School, founded in 1890, is a co-educational, private school serving both day and boarding students for grades six through 12. The MacDuffie School sets high academic standards for its students, as well as offering many opportunities in the performing and visual arts, sports, and clubs.

The MacDuffie School maintains two Honor Rolls—both the Academic Honor Roll and the Effort Honor Roll. The honor rolls are published at the end of each trimester to recognize above-average academic and effort performance.

Receiving Academic Honors was Aaron Baskin. A student must earn a grade-point average of 82.0 or higher.

Receiving Academic High Honors were: Kerri Demers, Stefanie Goyette, and Melody Serafino. A student must earn a grade-point average of 88.0 or higher.

Named to the Effort Honor Roll were: Kerri Demers, Amy Eggleston, Meg Glynn, Amber Hoffman, Stefanie Goyette, and Melody Serafino. A student must earn all effort grades of 1's and 2's for the trimester: the effort grading system being from 1 down to 5.

Stefanie Goyette and Melody Serafino were two of the MacDuffie seventh grade students asked to take the SAT-I: Reasoning Test, in January, as part of the 1996-CTY Talent Search: Seventh Grade. This is sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY). This same SAT I is taken nationally by high school students.

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## Sports



**SACRED HEART CHURCH Warriors** who won the recent Memorial Basketball Tournament included Sebastian Verelst, Brian Knight, Coach Jim Knight, Evan Machos, Matt Zajdel, Chris Polek, Coach Tom Zajdel, Colin Reilly, Adam Rovithis, Matt Ligenza, and Greg Cizek.

### "Agawam Night" At Civic Center For Spfld. Falcons Game

The Springfield Falcons are pleased to announce the First Annual Agawam Night at the Civic Center (sponsored by the Agawam Recreation Department) on Saturday, March 30th, as the Falcons play host to the Portland Pirates at 7:35 p.m.

Group tickets may be purchased at the Ag. Rec. Dept., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost for adults and seniors is only \$8 each, and children 18 years of age and under are only \$5 each. All ticket purchases must be made by Thursday, March 28th, at 12:00 noon.

Your ticket stub is good for "FREE PARKING" at the Civic Center Garage. Another part of this promotion is FREE SKATING after the game for all group members, along with a coupon for a 10-percent discount off Falcon merchandise to each member.

As a bonus for Agawam residents, on Tuesday, March 26th, members of the Falcons and team mascot "Screech" will make an appearance at Games and Lanes on Walnut Street, Agawam, at 6:00 p.m. to sign autographs and talk to the fans. Tickets for Agawam Night on March 30th will also be on sale during the players' appearance at Games and Lanes.

For more information, kindly call the Agawam Recreation Department at 786-0400, ext. 456.

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The Agawam Police Association, Inc. is coordinating a softball challenge game vs. the "spaceman" of the Red Sox—Bill Lee and his touring sports celebrities.

The Association will be publishing a souvenir program and calendar to be distributed free of charge at the game and throughout the community. The game will be held on May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School.

Telephone calls are being made to local businesses and residents requesting their support through listings in the program along with ticket sales for the games. Funds received from the game and program ads go towards the worthwhile programs and organizations the Police Association supports.

If there are any questions regarding our community effort, please do not hesitate to call Ron Brown at the Agawam Police Association at 786-4767. We thank you for your past and continued support.

### Laura Bielitz Member Of WPI Women's Hoop Team

Laura Bielitz, a 1993 Agawam High School graduate, was a member of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute basketball team that finished 23-6 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Bielitz played in 29 games, starting 20, and averaged 4.7 points and 2.3 rebounds while dishing out 68 assists.

### Sacred Heart CYO "WARRIORS" Win Memorial Tournament

Congratulations to Agawam's Sacred Heart CYO "WARRIORS," the winners of the fourth annual John O'Connor Memorial fifth and sixth grade "B" division tournament held at Our Lady of Hope School in Springfield, MA, February 16th through February 24th.

The Warriors went undefeated through their bracket, beating St. Michael's of East Longmeadow (43-31), St. Thomas of West Springfield (41-27), and the host team, Our Lady of Hope (49-38). The Warriors completed their tournament sweep with a repeat victory (42-31) over Our Lady of Hope in the championship game.

Matt Zajdel was selected to the ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM, averaging "double-doubles" in all four games. The Warriors' tenacious defense was led by Greg Cizek and Matt Ligenza with "ALL TOURNAMENT" performances.

The "championship" effort was the result of an unselfish total team effort by all members of the Warriors.

### Youth Cheerleading Slates Info Meeting For Tues., March 19th

There will be an informational meeting for parents of all students who are interested in trying out for the Agawam Youth Cheerleading Assoc., on Tuesday, March 19th at the Agawam Public Library at 7:30 p.m.

Any student residing in Agawam and entering fifth or sixth grade, will be eligible for the Jr. squad, and any child entering seventh or eighth grade will be eligible for the Sr. squad.

Please, do not bring your children to the library. This meeting is for **parents/guardians only**. Thank you for your co-operation. See you there.

### Agawam Parks/Rec. To Offer Water Safety Instructor Course

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is offering a Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructor Course. Participants must be 17 years-old by the end of the course and have a Level IV swim ability (equivalent to Swimmers).

Class time: 32 hours.

Instructor: Denise Cardona.

Fee: \$100.

Participants must pre-register through the Recreation Office. For more information, call the office at 786-0400, extension 456. The class begins March 16th at the Agawam Junior High School Pool.

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West Spfld. Blue	2	1	0	4
West Spfld. White	1	2	0	2
Agawam Tigers	1	2	0	2
Our Lady of Hope	0	2	0	0

U-10 GIRLS	W	L	T	P
Northampton	2	0	0	4
Holyoke	2	0	0	4
Ludlow Strike Force	2	1	0	4
Lent's Landscaping	1	2	0	2
Westfield Breeze	1	2	0	2
Ludlow Raptors	0	3	0	0

U-9 BOYS	W	L	T	P
Holyoke D&S Plating	1	0	1	3
Agawam Attack	1	0	1	3
East Longmeadow	1	1	0	2
Westfield	0	2	0	0

U-17 BOYS HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION	W	L	T	P
Holyoke S.C.	1	0	0	2
Razors	1	0	0	2
Bruno's	0	1	0	0
Westfield	0	1	0	0

## Last Time For Babe Ruth Sign-Ups

The final sign-ups for the Agawam Babe Ruth League will be held on Saturday, March 16th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and noon at the Faolin Peirce Room at the Agawam Police Station.

Boys between the ages of 13 and 16 are eligible to play. Players must turn 13 after August 1, 1996 and cannot turn 16 before that same date.

A limited number of spaces are available, so make sure you sign up this Saturday. The fee is \$70 per player.

Should you have questions, call John DeBonville at 786-3588.

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AMERICAN DIVISION	W	L
Westfield Savings	7	2
TJ Maxx	3	6
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Fran's Restaurant	2	7

## NATIONAL DIVISION

NATIONAL DIVISION	W	L
Colonial Funeral	8	1
UNICO	7	2
Village Lounge	4	5
Agawam Lions Club	2	7

## AMERICAN DIVISION

AMERICAN DIVISION	W	L
Provin Mt. Farms	7	1
Village Lounge	6	2
Fran's Restaurant	3	5
Movie Mart	1	7

## NATIONAL DIVISION

NATIONAL DIVISION	W	L
Corner Deli	8	0
JMC Graphics	4	4
Agawam Lions Club	2	6
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## 8-10 BOYS

### AMERICAN DIVISION

NORTH	W	L
Valenti's Restaurant	8	0
Colonial Funeral	5	3
Pignatare Texaco	2	6
Westfield Savings	0	8

### SOUTH

SOUTH	W	L
Agawam Police	8	0
Agawam Lions	5	3
Village Lounge	3	5
UNICO	1	7

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## AAA Basketball Standings (As Of 3/10/96)

### NATIONAL DIVISION

EAST	W	L
Polish Club	7	1
Alvin's	6	2
Gino's Package	4	4
JMC Graphics	0	8

WEST	W	L
Hytek	5	3
Provin Mt. Farms	5	3
CHH Engraving	3	5
Fran's Restaurant	2	6

### BOYS 10-12

AMERICAN DIVISION	W	L
Corner Deli	9	1
Fran's Restaurant	7	3
Briggs & Starr Ins.	4	6
Valenti's Restaurant	4	6
EB's Specialty Chicken	1	9

NATIONAL DIVISION	W	L
JMC Graphics	10	0
Movie Mart	8	2
Provin Mt. Farms	4	6
Auth Fuels	2	8
Agawam Opticians	0	10

### BOYS 13-15 (FINAL STANDINGS)

(FINAL STANDINGS)	W	L
Westfield Savings Bank	10	0
Provin Mt. Farms	7	3
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Fran's Restaurant	3	7
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Polish Club	2	8

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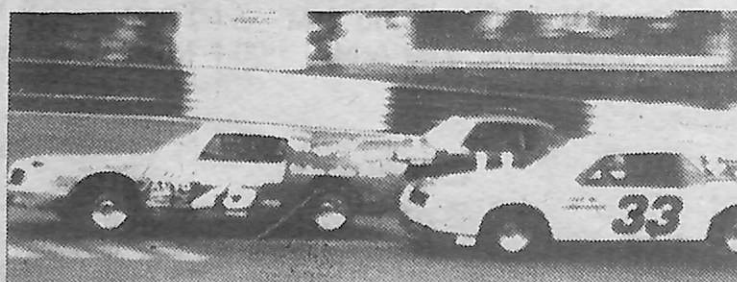
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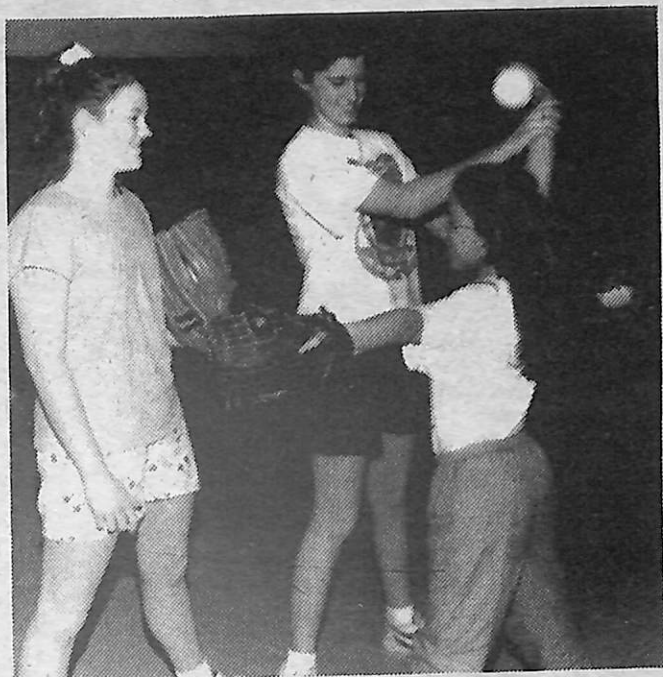
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## AHS Softball Players Instruct Future Stars



LAURA RAPPA and DANIELLE CURLEY, Agawam High School's ace softball hurlers, recently volunteered their time and talents to instruct Agawam junior softball players in the finer art of fast pitch techniques. The eight week program runs for two hours on Friday evenings at the Agawam Middle School. Ten girls, ages 8-14, attend to practice and achieve skills levels that will enable them to someday compete at the high school level. IN PHOTO LEFT Laura and Danielle give some tips to Danielle Borsari. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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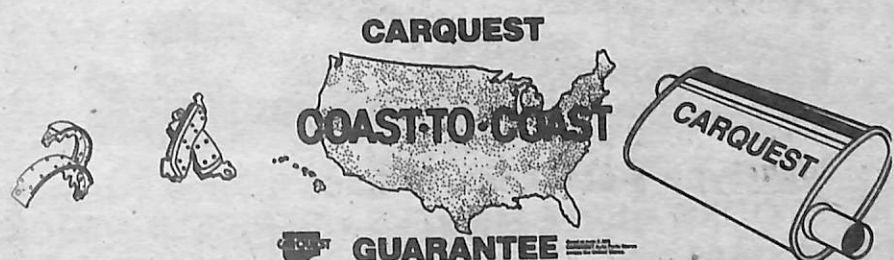
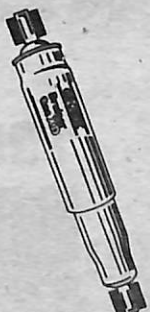
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### Waterfowlers Win Conservation Victory

Supporters of waterfowl conservation won a major victory when the U.S. House of Representatives passes a measure on February 29th to reauthorize the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on a vote of 372 to 37.

According to Ducks Unlimited, a national conservation group that has been a leading advocate of CRP, the measure would maintain an area the size of Iowa as a habitat for ducks and other wildlife well into the next century.

CRP provides voluntary for landowners to retire marginal farmlands from crop production and devote them to soil, water, and wildlife conservation for at least 10 years.

Nationwide, farmers have enrolled 36.4 million acres in CRP, including about eight-million acres of prime waterfowl breeding habitat in the prairie pothole region. CRP has tripled waterfowl nesting success and helped increase continental duck populations by 40 percent.

The CRP legislation passed by the House was offered as a floor amendment to the 1996 Farm Bill and extends CRP enrollment authority for another seven years.

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Lake Champlain offers the greatest variety of high-quality fresh water fishing in New England, but it is so immense that experienced anglers never get to see the entire lake or find some of its better fishing spots.

A newly released "LAKE CHAMPLAIN FISHING GUIDE" book of depth charts and tips on where to find fish is changing all of that for anyone who wants to learn about Lake Champlain's best kept fishing secrets.

Allen Elser, Vermont's Fish & Wildlife Commissioner, stated the following in reference to this guide: "Over the past 10 years, however, thanks to aggressive state and federal programs, Lake Champlain's time has finally come. Its fishery has never been better, its beauty remains unspoiled, and the pristine quality of its waters remains unchanged."

"This book," he added, "has been created to help you discover what Samuel de Champlain marveled at 400 years ago, and what many of us have known for a long time—that this truly is one of America's Great Lakes."

The "LAKE CHAMPLAIN FISHING GUIDE" is available from Vermont Fish and Wildlife, 103 South Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05671-0501, phone (802) 241-3700.

#### FIRST NEW ENGLAND CONVENTION

The first New England Convention and Wildlife Carving Show to be held in Falmouth, MA, from June 13th-16th, will celebrate 59 years of conservation achievement at the first New England Ducks Unlimited Convention. Anyone with an interest may attend.

Attendees will enjoy Falmouth's Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort and Conference Center. The Sea Crest is known for its 700 feet of white sand beach, two swimming pools, tennis courts, game room, and fine dining.

The convention's family-oriented activities include a special day camp for children three to 12 years of age, a Friday evening clambake, golf, a sporting class and workshops on salt water fly fishing, and retriever first aid and training.

An exciting complement to the convention will be the first Ducks Unlimited New England Decoy and Wildfowl Art Show to be held at the Sea Crest Resort. Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories.

The show is open to the public and will feature the works of some of the finest carvers in New England. Carvers and merchants interested in displaying may contact Bill Mitchell, 7 Cedar Street, Beverly, MA, phone (508) 922-8134.

Recognized as the world's largest private waterfowl and wetlands conservation organization, Ducks Unlimited and its 550,000-plus members have protected more than seven-million acres of habitat across North America since 1937.

More than 700 species of wildlife benefit from DU's work, including threatened and endangered species such as the tern, American bald eagle, peregrine falcon, piping plover, and the Louisiana black bear.

#### NEW VERMONT PLATE

H. Bill 560 would provide Vermont's first-ever graphic license plate as an optional official registration plate for pleasure cars. The new plate would feature a peregrine falcon, the Green Mountains, and the state's water resources.

"Everyone who enjoys wildlife and our watersheds would benefit if this bill is approved," said Fish & Wildlife Commissioner Allen Elser. "Wildlife and our lakes and streams help make Vermont the special place it is."

Vermont's license plate would cost \$17 when first purchased and \$8 per year to renew, in addition to the standard registration renewal fee of \$43.

The marketing study and the experiences of other states indicate that five to 10 percent of the people who purchase Vermont's 550,000 pleasure car registrations are likely to buy the conservation plates. That would create an estimated \$400,000 to \$1.2 million in revenue in the first five years.

Chef Dom Tangredi and his crew had a surprise meal planned for the Mawaga Club's March 12th meeting.

Jim Stefanik, Fish and Game Chairman, was pleased with the turnout for the annual Ice Fishing Derby held February 12th at the club pond. The following fishermen went home with the prizes.

Wayne Paradysz received \$25 for the largest brookie, and Fran Scherpa earned \$25 for the largest rainbow. The door prize—a Mawaga belt buckle—was won by Dan Fife ... the same Dan Fife who won the 50/50 raffle.

The Annual Lunker Derby will be held at the club pond on March 31, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your \$15 ticket will entitle you to one lunker trout and all the hot dogs, hamburgers, and soft drinks you can consume.

Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at a cost of \$3.

After the derby, there will be a steak roast put on by Jim. This is his famous sirloin strip cooked over a wood fire and served with a baked potato and all the fixins. The cost is \$10.

## Battle Rages For Top Of Monday Night Tri-Parish Bowling

After the March 11th matches in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, three teams are all bottle-necked at the top of the pack with eight wins - St. Michael's, Fordham, and Boston College.

In the first match on Lane 2, St. Michael's faced eighth place St. Anselm (4 wins). St. Mike's winners were leadoff JEAN BUONICONTI (302, 95.7 in Women's AA), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (280, 92.55 in Women's A; another solid night for "Miss Consistent"), and new league strongman JERRY ALLEN, who fired a torrid 408. He is now at the top of the pile with a 112.17 average.

The only winner for St. A's was third roller YVONNE CHARTIER, a gal who has emerged as one of the top lady rollers in the league (320, 105.7).

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Next up was the Fordham-St. Mary's (fifth place, 7 wins) match. This was a fairly even match. Fordham winners were CORY NAPOLITAN (303-297 over VENETTA SNYDER; Cory is at 96.38 in Women's A) and Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER (322-295 over JOHN LONCRINI). The "Jollie" guy is at 112.10 and is determined to retake the top gun status from new frontrunner Jerry Allen.

The two St. Mary's winners were leadoff RITA SCOTT (265, 85.6 in Women's C) and third roller FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (273, 98.12 in Men's A).

Boston College had a fairly even match against last place Holy Cross (1 1/2 wins). BC winners were leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (270, Men's C leader at 87.27) and second roller STELLA BARBARI (284, 88.22 in Women's B).

Winning for HC were third roller SUE GRIFFIN (285, 99.20 in Women's AA) and Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (334, 105.42 in Open Class). Debbie defeated a distraught BC Captain, the famous "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (295, 103.50 in Men's AA).

Seventh place St. Louis (6 wins) faced sixth place Notre Dame (7 wins) on Lane 10. This match, too, was a split. St. Lou winners were leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (271; leads Women's C at 85.55) and Captain GLEN ADAMS, a 328-303 victor over top women's roller FLO ROCHFORD (106.48). Glen leads the Men's AA at 109.20.

The two ND winners were BILLY BOY ALDRICH (257, 94.16 in Men's B) and third roller DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (297, leads Men's A at 99.38).

Catholic University (4th place/7 1/2 wins) had the bye on March 11th. The scores are as follows: TAMMY VOGEL (265), MARY THOMAS (299), TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (307), and Captain BILL GRIFIN (346).

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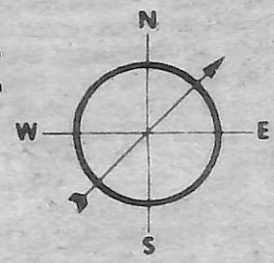
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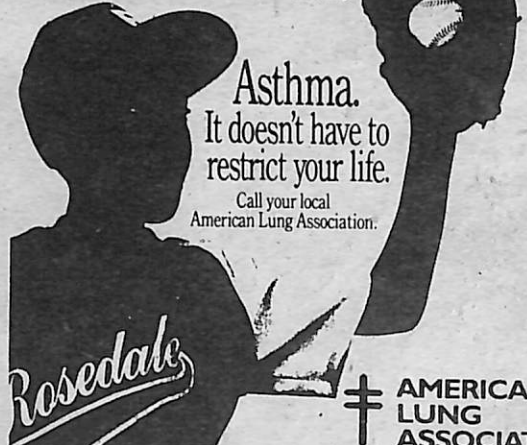
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